



On the Alert!

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Attention: ASCIP Members
Affected: Administrators, Risk Management, and Faculty & Staff
Applicability: K-12 & Charter Schools

NEW TIKTOK TREND: DEVIUS LICKS

In recent weeks, numerous schools have been overwhelmingly impacted by bouts of vandalism and theft on campus, particularly bathrooms. Enticed by a viral TikTok challenge, students have stolen or vandalized items at schools and then showed off their antics, or *#deviouslicks*, on the popular social media platform.

Targeted items that have disappeared or been damaged include:

- Bathroom toilets, urinals, stall doors, soap dispensers, & mirrors
- Science lab microscopes, masks & school supplies
- Parking signs, ceiling tiles, chairs, & desks



While TikTok is in the process of removing videos and redirecting hashtags, the wave of students participating in this “challenge” continues.

Recommendations & Resources

Informational campaigns. Disseminate information to students as well as their parents or guardians about potential serious consequences for any school theft or vandalism. This may include disciplinary actions such as in-school suspensions, criminal prosecution, and restitution orders.

Increase supervision of targeted locations. If possible, have campus supervisors or security posted outside of bathrooms for the time being.

Anonymous Reporting Hotline. Place posters around campus or links on the school website, so students are aware of the **WeTip** reporting hotline. Encourage students to make an anonymous report if they witness theft of vandalism on campus. Students can earn up to \$1,000 reward.



Keep bathrooms closed *only* during repairs. California Education Code requires schools to keep all restrooms open during school hours when pupils are not in classes, and to **keep a sufficient number of restrooms open during school hours when pupils are in classes.** It permits schools only to *temporarily* close a restroom as necessary to repair the facility.

Social Media Administrator Response Training (SMART). This training aims to prepare and empower school officials with the tools to investigate and respond to social media events at their district’s facilities. With current social media trends involving vandalism to school property and posting videos of student fights, school administrators need tools and resources to proactively address these and other social media related issues.

This 2.5-hour course is provided virtually via zoom and is \$129 per person (**costs are eligible for safety credit reimbursement through ASCIP**). The course includes resources and digital materials. School districts can request specific dates & times for groups of ten or more participants.

Program requests can be made via email at training@knowledgesaveslives.com or by phone (209) 710-0271. For a training schedule for this program please visit: www.knowledgesaveslives.com

Please contact your ASCIP Risk Services Consultant or our Risk Services team at RM_Info@ascip.org for questions or to discuss further.