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## **Omegle Social Media Threats**



NCPD Homeland Security has been working with our partner agencies in NYPD and the FBI to deal with a recurring social media threat which is impacting local schools in the New York area. The anonymous chat site Omegle is being used to circulate an alarming message regarding an impending school shooting.

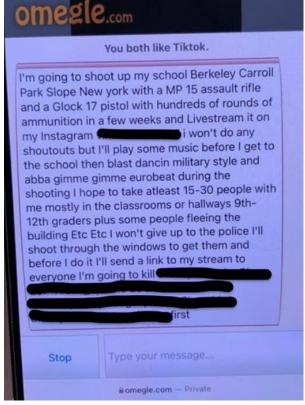
Omegle is a free online chat website that allows users to socialize with others without the need to register. The service randomly pairs users in one-on-one chat sessions where they chat anonymously using the names "You" and "Stranger".

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Omegle threat at Brooklyn school

FBI Investigates Shooting Threat At Park Slope School | Park Slope, NY Patch

Multiple people have visited this site and been paired with a "Stranger" who posts an alarming message describing plans to attack a specific school. Often times the message is followed up with names of students who attend this specific school. The person receiving this message often takes a screen shot of the threat and may recirculate it through their own social media feed or direct message the named parties to "warn" them. This spreads the threat.

In several cases the named students have been found to have public social media accounts which may have been used to gain personal information on their school name and friends names. It is important to remind students about the importance of securing personal information. Limit what you display on social media. Utilize privacy settings and verify the identity of followers before accepting them.

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