

From [Rory.Thibault](#) to [Everyone](#):

The 2019 Community Violence Prevention Task Force report contains some helpful background collateral to this discussion about threats among juveniles and inside of or involving schools: <https://cvptaskforce.vermont.gov/sites/vpt/files/documents/Executive%20Order%20No%203-18%20Community%20Violence%20Prevention%20Task%20Force%20Final%20Report%205-31-19.pdf>

From [Rep. Kate Donnelly \(She/Her/They\)](#) to [Everyone](#):

Is "true threat" a definition as part of the statute we are looking at? Or is it a separate thing?

From [Rory.Thibault](#) to [Everyone](#):

This is the definition from *State v. Schenk*, 207 Vt. 423 (2018): "'True threats' encompass those statements where the speaker means to communicate a serious expression of an intent to commit an act of unlawful violence to a particular individual or group of individuals." Black, 538 U.S. at 359, 123 S.Ct. 1536 (plurality opinion). The decision goes on:

[A] prohibition on true threats "protect[s] individuals from the fear of violence" and "from the disruption that fear engenders," in addition to protecting people "from the possibility that the threatened violence will occur." Intimidation in the constitutionally proscribable sense of the word is a type of true threat, where a speaker directs a threat to a person or group of persons with the intent of placing the victim in fear of bodily harm or death."

From [Marshall](#) to [Everyone](#):

I like this page for an easy to understand explanation of true threats: <https://www.mtsu.edu/first-amendment/article/1025/true-threats>