50+ EASY WAYS TO MAKE YOUR SCHOOL SAFER

PHYSICAL MEASURES

- Install security systems
- Set up surveillance cameras
- Hire guards
- Use metal detectors
- Improve lighting
- Use fences and gates

PROCEDURES & PROCESSES

- Manage visitors effectively
- Create a fire plan
- Create a natural disaster plan
- Create a lockdown plan
- Create "safety folders" for each classroom.

TOOLS

- Central reporting hotline
- Case management software

SCHOOL CULTURE

- Groups and clubs
- In-class initiatives
- In-school initiatives
- After-school programs

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- Train staff
- Educate parents
- Educate students
- Practice safety drills

MAINTAIN & UPDATE

- Update school policies
- Provide frequent training
- Assess equipment safety
- Keep first-aid stocked

MAKE TEAMS & ROLES

- Threat assessment team
- Investigation team
- Support team
- Risk management team
- Education team

DOCUMENT & ANALYZE

- Track at-risk students
- Monitor trends in your school
- Monitor trends in your district
- Keep an "allergy list"

SUPPORT & RESOLVE

- Provide support services
- Offer conflict resolution
- Counsel at-risk individuals

INVESTIGATE & DISCIPLINE

- Respond to tips quickly
- Document everything
- Collect all types of evidence
- Conduct interviews
- Discipline appropriately
- Follow up after conclusion

COLLABORATE WITH OTHERS

- Neighboring families
- Neighboring businesses
- Local police
- Youth services

MAKE CHANGES & LEARN

- Acknowledge mistakes
- Carry out and evaluate changes

TIPS FOR PORTABLES

- Ensure structural soundness
- Maintain accessibility
- Develop specific drills
- Provide communication tools