

State's School Safety Resource Hubs and Websites

Last updated: June 1, 2018

The following is a collection of links to school safety websites and resource hubs. CCSSO will continue to update this list as we receive more information. If you would like to submit a link for your state, please contact communications@ccsso.org.

Alabama

- **Alabama State Department of Education**
 - [Prevention and Support Services- School Safety](#)
 - Description: The Prevention and Support Services Section focuses its attention on assisting school systems and schools with Alcohol and Drug Prevention, Attendance, Bullying Prevention, Character Education and Positive Behavior Supports, Discipline (SIR), Dropout Prevention, Graduation Rate, Health Services and School Nursing, and School Safety.

Alaska

- **Alaska Department of Education & Early Development**
 - [School Safety](#)
 - Description: The safety of all students and staff in Alaska's schools has always been a top priority at the Department of Education and Early Development. However, through Alaska's Education Challenge, DEED's commitment to school safety has been elevated even further. Cultivate Safety and Well-Being been established as one of the department's three foundational commitments and will overlay all of DEED's work in the coming years. Meeting this commitment to safety will require DEED promoting the Education Challenge's School Safety and Well-Being specific goals of helping all schools become trauma-engaged, establishing a more positive school climate for all staff and students, and ensuring the physical and mental health needs of all students are addressed by providing direct access to school nursing and counseling services.
 - [School Health, Safety, and Alternative Education](#)
 - Description: Creating and maintaining safe, supportive and successful schools requires careful planning, implementation and coordination of efforts by many stakeholders.

Arizona

- **Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction**
 - [School Health & Safety](#)
 - Description: The School Safety Program is a state-funded grant that places School Resource Officers (SROs) and/or Juvenile Probation Officers (JPOs) in selected schools to contribute to safe environments that are conducive to teaching and learning.

Arkansas

- **Arkansas Department of Education**
 - [School Safety](#)
 - Description: Students learn best in a school climate that is safe, friendly and student-centered. School safety is everyone's responsibility.
- **University of Arkansas System: Criminal Justice Institute & Arkansas Department of Education**
 - [Arkansas Center for School Safety](#)
 - Description: The Arkansas Center for School Safety (ACSS) provides education, training, resources, and technical assistance to Arkansas educators and law enforcement professionals to assist them in providing our kids with a safe environment to reach their academic potential.
- [Arkansas Safe School Association](#)
 - Description: The Arkansas Safe Schools Association is a statewide, non-profit organization consisting of School Resource Officers, School Safety Personnel, School Administrators and others dedicated protecting our children and helping our schools maintain a safe and orderly climate, thereby creating a positive learning environment. Our goal is to provide consistent, up-to-date, affordable, quality, training that is available to all law enforcement agencies and school districts across the state.

California

- **California Department of Education**
 - [Safe Schools](#)
 - Description: Provides training, resources and technical assistance to establish a school/community environment which is physically and emotionally safe, well disciplined, and conducive to learning.

Colorado

- **Colorado School Safety Resource Center**
 - [School Safety Resource Center](#)
 - Description: The mission of the Colorado School Safety Resource Center (CSSRC) is to assist educators, emergency responders, community organizations, school mental health professionals, parents and students to create safe, positive and successful school environments for Colorado students in all pre K-12 and higher education schools.
- **University of Colorado Boulder**
 - [Safe Communities: Safe Schools- Planning is Prevention](#)
 - Description: We aim to bridge the gap between research and practice to ensure that the best that is known from prevention science gets into the hands of those who need it most. We engage in high quality multidisciplinary research and provide a wide-range of supports to those who are implementing evidence-based programs, practices and policies to promote positive youth development and reduce problem behaviors (e.g., violence, delinquency, and substance abuse).

Connecticut

- **Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection**
 - [School Safety and Security Resources](#)
 - Description: [Public Act 13-3](#) established a variety of programs and policy initiatives regarding School Safety and Security to be administered and/or developed by the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection- Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.
- [The Governor's Prevention Partnership](#)
 - Description: The Governor's Prevention Partnership equips, empowers, and connects organizations, communities and families to prevent substance abuse, underage drinking and violence among youth and promotes positive outcomes for all young people in Connecticut.

District of Columbia

- **Metropolitan Police Department**
 - [School Safety Resources](#)
 - Description: A variety of informative and helpful resources on the topic of school violence and safety are listed below. The following sites are not endorsed by the Metropolitan Police Department. They are intended to provide parents, students, teachers and others with a range of information and resources they can use to help address this serious issue.

- **District of Columbia Public Schools**

- **Student Safety**

- Description: The Office of School Security works with other agencies to make sure that schools provide a physically safe environment for learning. Their goal is to prevent criminal activity in and around schools, to investigate incidents, and to coordinate an effective response to serious misbehavior or crime.

- **Bullying Prevention in DCPS**

- Description: Bullying has become a serious issue with young people nationwide. It affects students at every level, from elementary to high school. In an effort to proactively address the issue of bullying the District of Columbia Public Schools has created a Bullying Prevention Policy. The policy lays out clearly, the definition of bullying and the steps required by schools to address it.

Delaware

- **Department of Safety and Homeland Security**

- **Comprehensive School Safety Program (CSSP)**

- Description: Our comprehensive school safety plans are predetermined vulnerability assessments, risk management techniques that mitigate exposure during unusual incidents. They are not intelligence led policing, deployment strategies, school resource officer strategies, school discipline related initiatives or juvenile arrest policies

- **Delaware Department of Education**

- **School Climate Office**

- Description: The mission of the School Climate Office is to assist all Delaware public schools in their efforts to provide every student with a safe, secure and supportive learning environment.

Florida

- **Florida Department of Education**

- **Office of Safe Schools**

- Description: In the wake of the tragic shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that took the lives of 17 Florida students and educators, the Florida Legislature passed and Governor Rick Scott signed SB 7026, the [Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act](#). This legislation outlines significant reforms to make Florida schools safer, while keeping firearms out of the hands of mentally ill and dangerous individuals.

Georgia

- **Georgia Emergency Manager & Homeland Security Agency**
 - [School Safety](#)
 - Description: Natural, manmade and technological events are forcing Americans to change their way of thinking about securing our nation's top investment—children. Natural, manmade and technological events are forcing Americans to change their way of thinking about securing our nation's top investment—children. Georgia law directs GEMA/HS to provide school safety training and technical assistance to the education, emergency management and public safety communities of Georgia.
- **Georgia Department of Education**
 - [Health and Safety](#)
 - Description: The Georgia Department of Education is dedicated to making sure that students are safe and healthy throughout the school day. Research shows that when students' basic needs are met, student achievement increases. This section provides information regarding what is being done to keep Georgia's schools safe from violence, as well as provides nutrition, physical health, and transportation information.
- **Georgia State University**
 - [Center for Research on School Safety, School Climate, and Classroom Management](#)
 - Description: The Center, which was initially formed in 2000, is focused on both research and outreach/service projects involving school safety, school violence prevention, school climate, classroom management, and related issues. Current areas of research include prevention of bullying, cyberbullying, and the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).

Hawaii

- **Hawaii Department of Education**
 - [Safety at School](#)
 - Description: Students need to feel and be safe at school. Research demonstrates a strong correlation between academic achievement and a safe school environment. Employees also deserve a safe workplace.
 - [Safe Schools](#)
 - Description: Student safety is a chief concern at our schools, both physical safety and feelings of safety. Children must feel safe to concentrate on schoolwork. The Department has a comprehensive safety system in place for its students, staff and campuses.

- **Anti-Bullying Work**

- Description: The Department is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable learning atmosphere for students, families and educators. We work to reduce bullying and cyberbullying by emphasizing a culture of respect, responsibility and resiliency, using a frame work of prevention, response and follow-up. We work with communities to promote understanding, and investigate incidents to ensure student safety.

Idaho

- **Idaho Division of Building Safety Office of School Safety & Security**

- Description: The 2016 Idaho Legislature created the *Idaho Office of School Safety and Security* to support the efforts of Idaho public schools as they work to create safer learning environments.

Illinois

- **Illinois State Board of Education**

- **Climate & Culture: Educational Safety and Security Center**

- Description: The Educational Safety and Security Center (ESSC) is being developed as a tool to assist administrators, teachers and other school service personnel in locating resources relevant to school safety and emergency response.

- **Illinois School and Campus Safety Resource Center**

- Description: This program is a partnership between the Illinois Terrorism Task Force and Western Illinois University. The School and Campus Safety Program is administered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute at Western Illinois University.

Indiana

- **Indiana Department of Education**

- **School Building Physical Security and Safety**

- Description: The Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy will provide ongoing, certified training and information on national and state best practices, as well as exemplary resources for school safety, security, intervention/prevention, and emergency preparedness planning. School safety specialists will be trained to lead the development and implementation of school safety practices which will provide safe educational environments for all students in Indiana.

Iowa

- **Iowa Department of Education**
 - [Emergency Operations Planning](#)
 - Description: The Department of Education believes school districts must be adequately prepared for a variety of emergencies that threaten the young lives of Iowa students each day. The Department provides resources from [Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools - Technical Assistance \(REMS-TA\)](#) that assists public school districts and non-public schools with developing high-quality school emergency operations plans (EOPs).

Kansas

- [Kansas Safe School Resource Center](#)
 - Description: Research shows that schools with a positive and welcoming school climate increases the likelihood that students succeed academically while protecting them from engaging in high risk behaviors like substance abuse, teen pregnancy, and violence. A positive school climate encourages behaviors with clear consequences for violating rules as well as rewards for meeting expectations. School climate can be understood as the frequency and quality of interactions among and between staff, students, parents, and the community throughout the entire school community.

Kentucky

- [Kentucky Center for School Safety](#)
 - Description: Kentucky Schools focus on providing a warm culture and climate for both students and staff conducive to high levels of productivity and outstanding academic performance.
- **Kentucky Department of Education**
 - [Safe Schools](#)
 - Description: The Safe Schools Team at the Kentucky Department of Education provides various resources for schools, parents and districts, such as bullying prevention training, suicide prevention training, and assistance with children experiencing bullying, and guidance on Missing Children in Kentucky and Safe Schools data collection in schools.

Louisiana

- **Louisiana Department of Education**
 - [Safe and Healthy Schools](#)
 - Description: Louisiana has adopted a coordinated, comprehensive approach to create a climate for achievement in schools and to promote healthy lifestyles among students. The approach has three major components: **School Climate**

(the safe and supportive schools initiative, discipline and bullying prevention, child welfare and attendance, positive behavioral support), **Health Services** (physical education, health education, nursing services, school-based Medicaid services, related health services, adapted physical education, and oral health) and **School Transportation**.

Maine

- **Maine Department of Education**
 - [School Safety](#)
 - Description: School buildings and classrooms must be safe environments – both physically and emotionally – for students to achieve and grow.

Maryland

- **Maryland Manual On-Line: A Guide to Maryland & it's Government**
 - [Maryland Center for School Safety](#)
 - Description: The Maryland Center for School Safety was established as an independent unit of State government in July 2013 (Chapter 372, Acts of 2013). To provide a coordinated and comprehensive policy for school safety in Maryland, the Center collaborates with local school systems, law enforcement agencies, State and local government, community organizations, parents, and other groups. With those partners, the Center disseminates information on best practices, programs, and resources; provides technical assistance and training; collects, analyzes, and integrates statewide data; and promotes interagency efforts to ensure safe schools.
- **Maryland Department of Education**
 - [Emergency Planning for Schools Systems and Schools](#)
 - Description: Code of Maryland Regulations 13A.02.02.01-.04– Emergency Plans required MSDE to publish guidance for local school systems to develop and implement local emergency plans. The Guidelines were published in April 2013.

Massachusetts

- **Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education**
 - [Emergency Management Planning for Schools](#)
 - Description: Providing a safe and supportive learning environment is a key to helping students develop essential skills and knowledge necessary for college and career readiness. A wide range of services and supports are needed to establish and maintain these learning environments. This web page outlines a number of Department of Elementary and Secondary Education programs and related resources that can help school districts and communities build safe and supportive learning environments for all students.

Michigan

- **Michigan Department of Education**
 - [School Health & Safety](#)
 - Description: When students and staff are healthy, academic achievement is increased. Healthier students make healthier, safer and more productive communities. The School Health and Safety unit provides leadership, guidance and support to local and intermediate school districts on comprehensive school health and safety issues regarding the Whole Child, Whole School and Whole Community.

Minnesota

- **Homeland Security and Emergency Management**
 - [Minnesota School Safety Center](#)
 - Description: School safety is both a moral responsibility to students, teachers and other school staff personnel, and a legal obligation. The state of Minnesota and the Federal Government have legislated mandates regarding school safety that all schools must implement and uphold. While implementation and adherence to the statutes does not guarantee a safe school, a combination of prevention efforts in addressing school climate, planning and facility will assist in creating a safer school environment.

Mississippi

- **Mississippi Department of Education**
 - [School Safety](#)
 - Description: Safe schools are fundamental to students' school successes and achievements. Consequently, providing a safe and orderly school environment remains an ever-present priority of the Mississippi Department of Education. School safety should be addressed through a comprehensive approach that focuses on prevention, intervention and response planning. Systems and programs should be in place that create caring school communities where all students and staff feel safe and supported. Key to the process of building and maintaining safe schools is the development of active partnerships between schools and communities.

Missouri

- **Missouri School Boards' Association (Missouri School Safety Association)**
 - [Center for Educational Safety](#)
 - Description: The purposes of the Missouri School Safety Association include improving the existing programs and promoting new programs of safety education in cooperation with public and private agencies, & acquiring and

disseminating accurate information concerning school safety, security, and health.

- **Missouri Department of Public Safety**

- [Missouri School Safety and Security Resources](#)

- Description: The Center for Education Safety is a public-private partnership of the Missouri Department of Public Safety, Missouri Office of Homeland Security and the Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA). The center is dedicated to enhancing emergency planning, preparedness and safety and security in public and private education—pre-K, K-12 and post-secondary. The Missouri Office of Homeland Security provides financial and technical assistance to the Center for Education Safety by providing Emergency Mass Communications as well as Emergency Operations Planning Programs for schools and local emergency responders to use when planning for and responding to emergencies. These tools allow schools to design and evaluate emergency response plans tailored to their own unique needs, including floor plans, evacuation routes, photographs, and contact persons. In the event of emergency, first responders have immediate access to this information on the hosted platform.

Montana

- **Montana Office of Public Instruction**

- [Emergency Planning & Safety](#)

- Description: Emergencies hit schools at the most inopportune times. From severe weather, wild animals on the playground, active shooters, or the death of a student or staff member, emergencies take many forms. Being prepared with a plan that has been created by your school's team and local partners, approved by your trustees, and practiced by your school community is vital to increasing student and staff safety.

- **Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services**

- [Safe School Environment](#)

- Description: This page is dedicated to providing resources and training on preserving a safe learning environment in Montana schools. The information contained on this page was developed by a group of partners focused on keeping the school environment safe and inclusive for all students and staff.

- [University of Montana Safe Schools Center \(UMSSC\)](#)

- Description: Providing training, research, and professional development services to schools and communities across Montana and the U.S.

Nebraska

- **Nebraska Department of Education**
 - [Nebraska School Safety](#)
 - Description: The State Board of Education believes that Nebraska schools should provide physically safe and emotionally secure environments for all students and staff sustained through relationship building among staff, students, and community.

Nevada

- **State of Nevada Department of Education**
 - [School Crisis and Emergency Operations Plans](#)
 - Description: Nevada public, private and charter schools are required to have School Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) that meet the federal definition of a high-quality school EOP. The EOP must also comply with any additional Nevada requirements.
- **Nevada State Education Association**
 - [Safe Schools](#)
 - Description: Students learn best and achieve their full potential in safe and orderly classrooms. This positive academic environment begins with safe families and safe communities. Statistically, schools continue to be one of the most secure places for our children. As Americans, we have no tolerance for violence at school. That's why the Association is working as part of the greater society and in our individual neighborhoods to improve the safety in our schools.

New Hampshire

- **New Hampshire Department of Education**
 - [Coordinated School Health- Resources for NH](#)
 - Description: A coordinated school health program (CSHP) model consists of eight interactive components: health education, physical education, health services, nutrition services, counseling & psychological services, health school environment, health promotion for staff, and family/community involvement. Schools by themselves cannot, and should not be expected to, address the nation's most serious health and social problems. Families, health care workers, the media, religious organizations, community organizations that serve youth, and young people themselves also must be systematically involved. However, schools could provide a critical facility in which many agencies might work together to maintain the well-being of young people.

New Jersey

- **State of New Jersey Department of Education**
 - [School Preparedness and Emergency Planning](#)
 - Description: The New Jersey Department of Education takes proactive measures to protect the safety and security of all our students and staff members. Through the Department's Office of School Preparedness & Emergency Planning (OSPEP) the goal is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the school population by providing direct support to New Jersey's schools in establishing safe and secure school environments and increasing their capacity to respond in the event of crises.
- **The New Jersey Center for School Safety**
 - [The Resource for School Safety Providers](#)
 - Description: The New Jersey Association of School Resource Officers (NJASRO) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization for school based law enforcement officers, school administrators, and school security/safety professionals working as partners to protect students, school faculty and staff and the schools they attend. The true and tested strength in the School Resource Officer program is that it is much more than a curriculum. The SRO Concept can easily be adapted to the needs of ANY community, desiring safe schools, and effective community partnerships.

New Mexico

- **New Mexico Public Education Department**
 - [Safe & Healthy Schools](#)
 - Description: Healthier kids make better students. Better students make healthier communities.

New York

- [New York State Center for School Safety](#)
 - Description: Providing support to schools, families and communities
- **New York State**
 - [New York's Safe School](#)
 - Description: The mission of the New York State Safe Schools Initiative is to help schools across the state implement effective school safety strategies and plans to enhance emergency preparedness. The state is also committed to assisting schools by educating them on valuable ways to foster good communication between school staff, students, and law enforcement agencies. The strategies and plans as well as the cooperative relationships will allow schools to better

identify and address the needs and concerns of our school students, creating environments where students can learn, grow and thrive.

- **New York State Education Department**

- **[Student Support Services- School Safety and Educational Climate](#)**

- Description: The New York State Education Department's (SED's) School Safety and the Educational Climate (SSEC) Summary Data Collection Form is a part of SED's implementation of the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) and Violent or Disruptive Incident Reporting (VADIR). Data regarding violent or disruptive incidents, as well as incidents of, discrimination, harassment, bullying, and cyberbullying, is compiled to comply with New York State reporting requirements and to designate schools that are persistently dangerous.

- **[SAVE \(Safe Schools Against Violence in Education\)](#)**

- Description: The New York State Education Department is committed to promoting safe learning environments where students and teachers work collaboratively in pursuit of academic excellence and social and emotional growth. The information on this page provides safety resources and guidance to school officials about the Safe Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) Act. It also provides a guidance document for the completion of school safety plans. The information is especially useful for school administrators and others concerned about school safety.

- **[SDFSC \(Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities\)](#)**

- Description: Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities provides resources to school districts to implement programs and services to prevent violence in schools and drug and substance abuse.

North Carolina

- **Public Schools of North Carolina**

- **[Center for Safer Schools](#)**

- Description: The Center for Safer Schools serves to promote safe learning environments for North Carolina K-12 schools. The Center serves as a hub of information and technical assistance on school safety to school faculty and staff, law enforcement, youth-serving community agencies, juvenile justice officials, policymakers, parents/guardians and students. Center staff focus on school climate, school discipline and emergency preparedness concerns for NC K-12 schools. Staff are available to provide trainings, guidance and technical assistance upon request for school faculty and staff, and those working with children and adolescents.

North Dakota

- **North Dakota Department of Public Instruction**
 - [School Safety](#)
 - Description: No single person, strategy or program can make a school safe. Research supports the following approaches - which, when implemented collaboratively, result in increased safety awareness and comfort, decreases in violence, weapons and risk behaviors, and subsequently, consistent academic gains.

Ohio

- **Ohio Department of Education**
 - [Safer Schools Ohio](#)
 - Description: The Center for P-20 Safety and Security was formed as a collaborative effort between the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Ohio Department of Education to create safe and supportive learning environments and respond to violence and its causes in educational settings throughout Ohio. Center personnel focus on school climate, safety, security and emergency management concerns in the K-12 and higher education environments, providing guidance and direction to promote physically safe and emotionally secure environments for students, educators, and staff.
- **Ohio Attorney General**
 - [School Safety](#)
 - Description: Ensuring that our children are safe in school is among the most important responsibilities of Ohio communities — one that requires the attention, cooperation, and communication of many partners. By working together, we can help prevent crises and respond effectively if they do occur.
- **Ohio School Boards Association**
 - [Issues in the Schoolhouse](#)
 - Description: Students deal with numerous issues outside of the classroom that affect their performance in schools. Students regularly have to deal with societal issues ranging from poverty, homelessness and hunger to bullying, suicide and drug use. These resources can assist districts in helping their students.

Oklahoma

- **Oklahoma Department of Education**
 - [Prevention Services](#)
 - Description: The Prevention Education section administers programs and initiatives that assist districts in addressing the risk behaviors in Oklahoma's students.

Oregon

- **Oregon Department of Education**
 - [Safe and Drug-Free Schools](#)
 - Description: The Safe & Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act was created to encourage strategies that prevent violence in and around schools, strengthen programs that prevent the illegal use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs, and increase parent involvement.
- **Oregon School Safety Officers Association**
 - [Resources](#)
 - Description: The Oregon School Safety Officers Association was founded in 1982 by a group of like-minded safety conscience school district employees. The association is governed by a five member board. Two advisory positions also serve on the board in a non-voting capacity. In 2010, the Oregon School Safety Association and OSSOA merged.
- **Oregon School Boards Association**
 - [Student Safety Center](#)
 - Description: Community support for schools is important for student success. These resources help with handling a crisis, drafting a strategic communications plan or preparing for a bond election.

Pennsylvania

- **Pennsylvania Department of Education**
 - [Safe Schools](#)
 - Description: The Office for Safe Schools coordinates school safety and security programs, collection of the annual school violence statistics, coordination of antiviolence efforts, and development of policies and strategies to combat school violence. The office supports and provides technical assistance and professional development programs in the following areas and security-related activities to support school safety: crisis intervention, school police training, violence prevention, and social/emotional wellness and safety provides services to all local school entities.

Rhode Island

- **Emergency Management Agency**
 - [School Safety](#)
 - Description: The Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) works closely with the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE), the Rhode Island State Police, as well as other state and local safety officials, to ensure the continued safety and well-being of students.

South Carolina

- **South Carolina Department of Education**
 - [School Safety](#)
 - Description: The goal of the SCSCI (South Carolina School Climate Initiative) is to improve school learning environments and reduce student detrimental behaviors by developing and refining a School Climate Index that schools, districts, and the state will use to measure a school's learning environment and to identify and implement effective, research-based interventions to address identified, targeted student needs.

South Dakota

- **South Dakota Department of Education**
 - [School Safety](#)
 - Description: South Dakota schools strive to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students. Below are some resources schools can use to take steps to plan for these potential emergencies through the creation of a school Emergency Operations Plan.

Tennessee

- **Tennessee Department of Education**
 - [School Safety](#)
 - Description: The department assists schools in their efforts to provide and maintain safe and supportive learning environments through training and technical assistance, and grants administration.

Texas

- **Texas State**
 - [Texas School Safety Center](#)
 - Description: The Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC) is an official university-level research center at Texas State University. The TxSSC is tasked in [Chapter 37 of the Texas Education Code](#) and the Governor's Homeland Security Strategic Plan with key school safety initiatives and mandates. Specifically, the TxSSC serves as a clearinghouse for the dissemination of safety and security information through research, training, and technical assistance for K-12 schools and junior colleges throughout the state of Texas. In addition, the TxSSC also builds partnerships among youth, adults, schools, law enforcement officers, and community stakeholders to reduce the impact of tobacco on all Texans through prevention, training and enforcement initiatives.

Utah

- **Be Ready Utah**
 - [Be Ready Schools](#)
 - Description: Be Ready Schools focuses on preparing students and schools for potential emergencies and disasters. This preparation includes the most essential elements including a plan and emergency supplies.

Vermont

- **Vermont Department of Public Safety**
 - [Vermont School Safety Center](#)
 - Description: From emergency medical issues to school bus accidents to bomb threats, schools must be prepared to respond to all hazards. Being prepared means knowing what hazards you are at risk for, creating a plan to address those hazards, training on the plan, and testing the effectiveness of those plans. The Vermont School Safety Center offers best practices and recommendations on how to keep your school safe.

Virginia

- **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services**
 - [Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety](#)
 - Description: Created in 2000, the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety (VCSCS), located within the DCJS [Division of Law Enforcement](#), focuses on improving and enhancing safety by addressing topics which affect Virginia law enforcement, schools, and institutions of higher education. The VCSCS is a resource and training center for information and research about national and statewide safety efforts and initiatives in K-12 schools and higher educations.
- **Virginia Department of Education**
 - [Division & School Safety](#)
 - Description: Acts of violence in schools have stunned the nation. Children and adolescents, in particular, may experience anxiety, fear, and a sense of personal risk. They will look to adults for information and guidance on how to react. Parents and school personnel can help students feel safe by establishing a sense of normalcy and security and talking with them about their fears.
- **Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services**
 - [Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety](#)
 - Description: Created in 2000, the Virginia Center for School and Campus Safety (VCSCS), located within the DCJS Division of Law Enforcement, focuses on improving and enhancing safety by addressing topics which affect Virginia law enforcement, schools, and institutions of higher education. The VCSCS is a

resource and training center for information and research about national and statewide safety efforts and initiatives in K-12 schools and higher educations.

Washington

- **State of Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction**
 - [School Safety Center](#)
 - Description: The School Safety Center provides resources to districts and schools to help in the development of high-quality emergency operations and safety plans. Feeling safe is fundamental for a positive learning environment. [RCW 28A.320.125](#) requires all public school districts and public schools to have current school safety plans and procedures in place. The School Safety Center is a component of [Student Support](#) and works in close collaboration with [System and School Improvement](#), as well as other departments within OSPI.
- **Washington State Department of Health**
 - [School Environment Health and Safety](#)
 - Description: The Department of Health works toward making schools safe and healthy and to assure that parents, health care providers, and state and local agencies work together to promote healthy families and increase the use of preventive healthcare for our children.

West Virginia

- **West Virginia Department of Education**
 - [Safe School Law](#)
 - Description: These are links to the specific sections in the WV Code related to Safe Schools. They are links to the WV Legislature Website.
 - [Crisis Response Plans and Templates](#)
 - Description: The WVBE, in conjunction with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, has developed a School Crisis Prevention and Response Plan Template containing the requirements for school specific School Crisis Prevention and Response Plans. This template aligns with the safe schools initiatives of the School Building Authority and Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- **West Virginia Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management**
 - [School Safety](#)
 - Description: The Safe Schools Helpline is a toll-free phone number that anyone can call to report information that may have a negative impact on students, staff, or property at any school in West Virginia. The Safe Schools Helpline will always protect your identity and you may remain anonymous. You may report

bullying, violence, threats, weapons, drug or alcohol abuse, sexual harassment, and theft or vandalism.

Wisconsin

- [Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction](#)
 - [Wisconsin Safe and Healthy Schools Center](#)
 - Description: The Wisconsin Safe & Healthy (WISH) Schools Training & Technical Assistance Center builds the capacity of Wisconsin public school districts to implement programs in prevention and intervention of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse, mental health, and promote school safety in order to reduce barriers to learning. The Wisconsin Safe & Healthy Schools Center is a collaborative project between the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the CESA Statewide Network (CSN). The Center is lead by Statewide Director, Tracy Herlitzke and four Regional Coordinators.
- Wisconsin Department of Justice
 - [School Safety Resources](#)
 - Description: In addition to helping keep schools safe from violent attacks, DOJ will be closely monitoring for behavior that could affect a school's ability to pay market rates for products like door locks and shatter-resistant film for glass. DOJ will review and investigate any instances of inappropriate pricing behavior so the benefits of the program are not reduced.

Wyoming

- Wyoming Department of Education
 - [School Safety and Security](#)
 - Description: In the wake of the school tragedy in Florida, schools across the nation (including Wyoming) are thinking carefully about school safety and security. Last session, HB194 passed and made it possible for Wyoming school boards to consider arming qualified and willing personnel as a student safety and security measure. In response to the legislation, I convened a statewide ad hoc committee to develop non-regulatory guidance for communities.