



## **Safety Drill Act Review** Illinois School Safety Drill Act (105 ILCS 128)

### **Required Drills**

- Evacuation - 3 annually - 1 shall involve the fire dept.
- Bus Evacuation - 1 annually
- Law Enforcement (active shooter) - 1 annually - No later than 90 days into the year
- Severe Weather/Shelter in Place - 1 annually
  - **Shall** address weather (tornadoes, sheer winds, lightning) and external gas/chemicals

### **Evacuation Drill (aka fire)**

- Outside is safer than inside
- Reasons to evacuate (may include, but not limited to)
  - Fire
  - Suspicious Items or Persons
  - Hazardous Materials--chemical, incendiary, explosives
  - Bomb Threats
- 3 required annually (minimum)
- 1 of the 3 **SHALL** involve the local fire department
- September 1--Fire department must contact the administration to arrange for drill
- September 15--Administration must propose 4 dates during October. Fire department chooses 1 of 4 dates. At least 2 different weeks. Cannot have 4 dates in the same week.
- Outside of October--date by mutual agreement
- If no agreement on date, the school conducts it on their own
- Sign Off--Fire department **SHALL** sign off on 1 drill
- May conduct other evacuation drills (bomb threat, suspicious package)
- **INJECTS--BLOCK AN EXIT, STEAL A KID, CALL FOR A REVERSE EVACUATION**

### **Bus Evacuation Drill**

- Conditions outside the bus are safer than inside
- 1 drill minimum annually
- Curriculum--**SHALL** be accounted for in the curriculum...Safe Bus Riding Practices and in each building that houses children
- Private Schools--exempt from bus evacuation drills if no bus usage. ISBE form by October 15. If buses are used--30 days to notify ISBE.
- Drill components--Egress in front, egress in back, roof hatches, egress windows, kicking out windshield
- Tornado--find a low-lying area after exiting the bus.
- **CONSIDERATIONS--HAVE KIDS VERBALIZE WHAT THEY WOULD DO--DON'T RELY ON THE DRIVER. FIRE IN BACK, FIRE IN FRONT. ROLL OVER. SEVERE WEATHER**



### **Law Enforcement Drill (aka lockdown)**

- Conditions inside are safer than outside (lockdown)
- Protect building occupants from dangers inside the building
- Law enforcement shall observe
- Law enforcement must contact schools to arrange for date. If no mutual date, the school still does it.
- Sign off--law enforcement shall observe and must sign off and note deficiencies.

**Must** meet all the following:

- Law enforcement **shall** contact admin
- Administration and law enforcement **shall** set the date
- **Must** use plans, protocols, procedures
- **Must** conduct no later than 90 days into the school year
- **Must** address an active threat or a school shooting incident (active)
- **Must** be done when students are normally present
- **Must** not include simulations that mimic an actual shooting incident or active shooter Event
- **Must** be announced in advance to personnel and students
- **Must** be age appropriate and developmentally appropriate
- **Must** include and involve school personnel including mental health professionals
- **Must** include trauma informed approaches to address concerns and well being of students and school personnel
- **Must** provide sufficient information and notification to parents/guardians
- **Must** provide an opportunity for parents to exempt their child(ren)
- **Must** provide alternative safety education and instruction to those that don't participate. (Less sensorial safety training methods)
- Students **must** be allowed to ask questions during the drill

**May** do the following:

- **May** conduct additional law enforcement drills
- **May** conduct other drills when students are not present
- Administration **may** exempt students

### **Severe weather and Shelter in Place Drill**

- Must address tornadoes, sheer winds, lightning
- Other drills--earthquakes/hazardous materials/weapons of mass destruction (biological, chemical, nuclear)
- 1 drill per year



### **Annual Review of Crisis Response Plans (Required)**

- **Shall** meet 1 time a year (meeting) between July1-June30
- **Shall** Review crisis response plans, protocols, and procedures
- **Shall** include a review of drills
- **Shall** Include Behavior Threat Assessment Review
- **Shall** be no cost to the district
- **Shall** involve school board or designee
- **Shall** provide a minimum of 30 days' notice prior to annual meeting that goes to:
  - Principal
  - Representatives from education related organizations--Special education cooperatives, health departments, ROE
- **Shall** provide a 1-page report that includes:
  - Recommended changes
  - Who attended
  - Certifies that the review took place
  - Verification the district will implement the plans
  - Send to all attendees AND to ROE26

\*\*\*Recommendation--Pandemic Plan Review-do you have one?

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### **Threat Assessment Procedure (Behavior Threat Assessment--aka Student Safety Assessment)—Required (before the first day of school, annually)**

- **Must** form a team that includes:
  - Administration
  - Teacher
  - Counselor
  - Psychologist
  - Social worker
  - 1 law enforcement official
- If unable to form a team (small district) – **Must** form a regional team
- **Must** submit your procedures to ROE26 and a local law enforcement agency

### **Recommended Drill--Reunification (Required in other states)**

- Chain of Custody



**Delayed Evacuation (Fire Drill)--Recommended (at least for practice)**

- No law exists that requires evacuation when a fire alarm goes off
- Subject to the Presence of a Fire Sprinkler System--a 3 minute delay would be sufficient
- Approval of local fire department
- Steps to delayed evacuation
  - Alarm Sounds
  - Evacuation delayed--investigate (smoke, fire, suspicious subjects or activities)
  - Staff trained--fire control panel/annunciator analysis to determine location
  - All School Communication system
  - Teachers/students remain in rooms--doors locked
  - Direct Connect to Fire Department and Law Enforcement
  - If security risk--follow response plan

**Other ideas to consider**

- Numbers on doors--interior and exterior—reflective
- Numbers on exterior windows
- Numbered stairwells
- Established reunification site--secondary reunification site
- Knox boxes...dogging down doors during drills
- Blocked fire exits
- Reverse evacuation