

School Safety: The Importance of Securing Doors

Protecting Our Students, Staff, and Schools

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Common Security Risks

- ▶ Doors left unlocked or propped open.
- ▶ Lack of awareness about security protocols.
- ▶ Delayed responses to potential threats.



IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

STUDENTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

ADULTS

Close and lock the door
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

STUDENTS

Return to inside of building
Do business as usual

ADULTS

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Account for students and adults
Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

STUDENTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door

ADULTS

Recover students from hallway if possible
Lock the classroom door
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend

STUDENTS AND ADULTS:
When locking down is not an option,
Avoid, Deny, and Defend™



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

STUDENTS

Leave stuff behind if required to
If possible, bring your phone
Follow instructions

ADULTS

Lead students to Evacuation location
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

STUDENTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard.

Hazard

Tornado Evacuate to shelter area
Hizmat Seal the room
Earthquake Drop, cover and hold
Tsunami Get to high ground

Safety Strategy

ADULTS

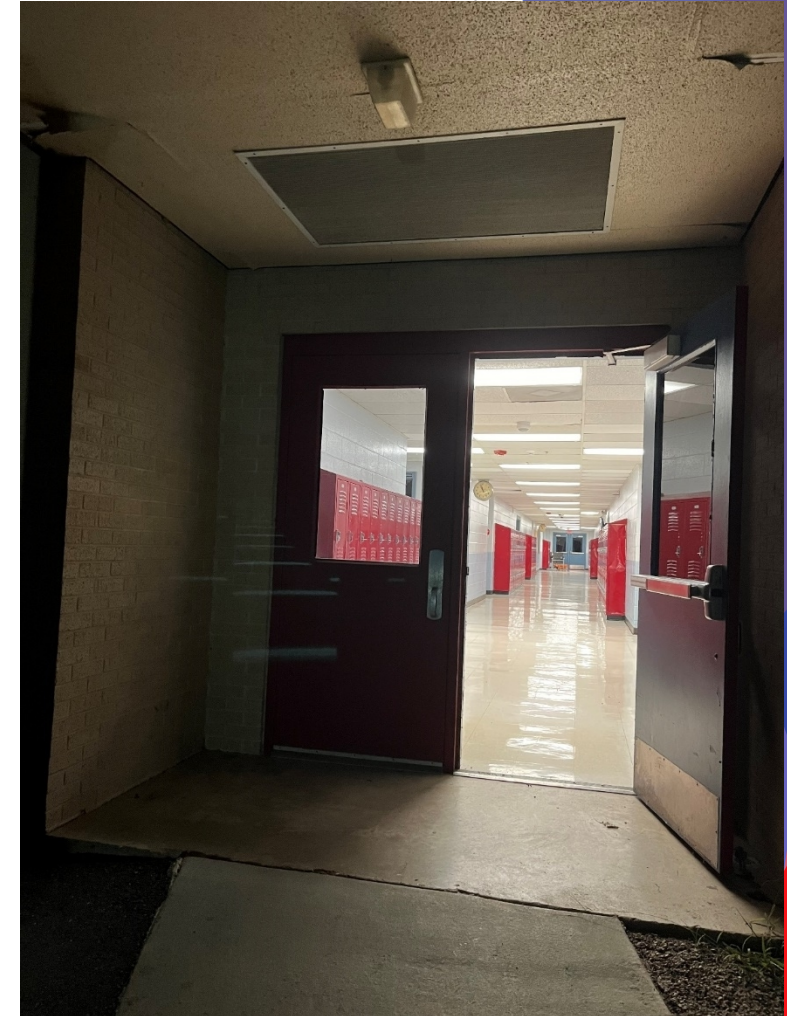
Lead safety strategy
Account for students and adults
Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults

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The Importance of Locked and Secured Doors

- ▶ Acts as the first line of defense against intruders.
- ▶ Deters unauthorized entry and minimizes vulnerabilities.
- ▶ Reinforces a culture of responsibility and awareness.



Real-World Examples

- ▶ Uvalde School Shooting (May 24, 2022)
 - ▶ 18 year old enters school through an open door
 - ▶ Teacher Emilia Marin used a rock to prop the open door
 - ▶ Fatally shot 19 students and 2 teachers, 17 injured
 - ▶ Door was designed to lock when shut, but it didn't



Quick Response by Student and Staff

- ▶ Oxford High School
 - ▶ November 30, 2001
 - ▶ 15 year old armed with 9mm
 - ▶ Attempts to be a police officer to gain access into a classroom
 - ▶ Unable to enter any classrooms



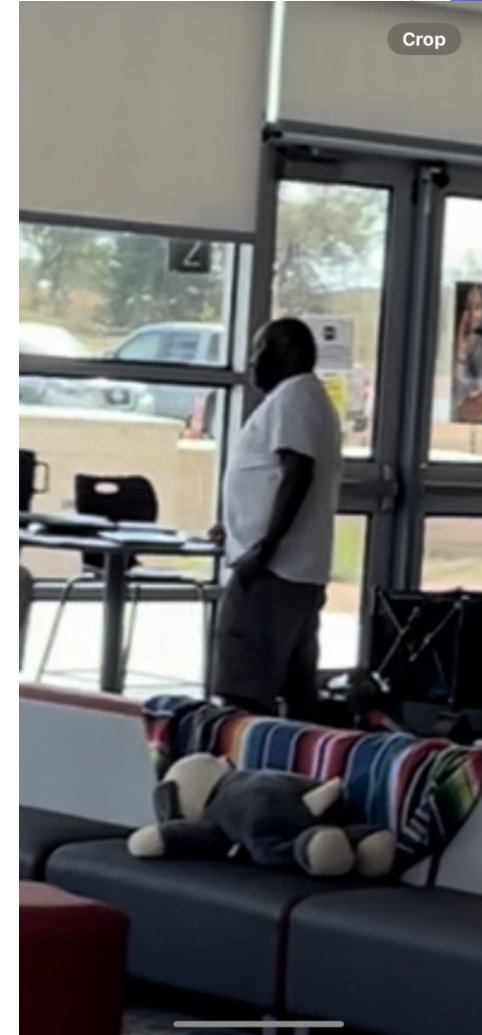
How to Ensure Doors Stay Secured

- ▶ Best Practices:
 - ▶ Always check doors when entering or leaving a building.
 - ▶ Avoid propping doors open with objects.
 - ▶ Report unsecured doors to school authorities immediately.
 - ▶ Report suspicious people immediately.
 - ▶ Do not let people in the building without escorting them.
 - ▶ Unauthorized people need to check in at the office.
 - ▶ Keeping your classroom doors closed during instruction.



Role of Staff and Students

- **Responsibilities:**
 - **Staff:** Regularly inspect and secure doors, educate students on policies.
 - **Students:** Follow safety rules and report security concerns.
- **Collaboration:** Safety is a shared responsibility.



Conclusion and Call to Action

- **Summary:**
 - Securing doors is essential for school safety.
 - Everyone has a role in creating a secure environment.
- **Call to Action:**
 - "Let's work together to keep our schools safe!"

