

SchoolSafety.gov Back-to-School Toolbox

Resources for the K-12 Community

Safer schools start with you.

Build your toolbox for a safe school year. The following tools can be used by various members of the K-12 community, including school and district leaders, teachers and staff, students and families, and law enforcement and local partners to enhance or inform school safety efforts. *Please note this is not an exhaustive list and each school has unique considerations. Visit [SchoolSafety.gov](https://www.schoolsafety.gov) for additional tools, resources, and best practices.*



- › This [assessment tool](#) can be used to evaluate existing **physical security measures** and identify opportunities for improvement.
- › This [toolkit](#) can **assess preparedness** for responding to an active assailant event.
- › These [tabletop exercise packages](#) can be used to **practice school emergency operations plans** in preparing for and responding to incidents like cybersecurity breaches and active assailant threats.
- › This [checklist](#) summarizes key elements for **developing or refreshing a school emergency operations plan**.
- › This [brief](#) covers essential aspects of a school **threat assessment and report program**.
- › This [quick reference guide](#) provides key strategies and corresponding worksheets to assess and respond to social media-based and other types of **anonymous threats**.
- › These [resources and services](#) can reduce risk and **advance school and district cybersecurity capabilities**.
- › These [lesson plans and classroom activities](#) educate students on the topics of **online privacy and safety**, digital citizenship, and cyberbullying.
- › This [handout](#) provides tips on identifying and responding to instances of **online child exploitation**.
- › This [framework](#) highlights the foundational features of a **comprehensive school mental health system**.
- › These [fact sheets](#) share key information about **teen vaping**, effects of nicotine, and how teachers and staff can help students quit.
- › These [quick tips](#) outline actionable steps to effectively respond to **bullying**.
- › This [tool](#) compiles **federal school safety funding opportunities** in one location and sends alerts when new grants are announced.
- › These guides can help parents and caregivers start **productive and supportive conversations** with students about [substance use](#) and [online safety](#).

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Find more back-to-school safety resources and information at [SchoolSafety.gov/back-to-school-campaign](https://www.schoolsafety.gov/back-to-school-campaign).

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