

THE ROADMAP TO A SAFER K-12 SCHOOL

IMPROVE SAFETY IN YOUR K-12
SCHOOL WITH THESE 8 STEPS

PHYSICAL SECURITY

Monitor unfamiliar faces with surveillance cameras. Control building access with security systems. Employ guards to patrol the school perimeter



PREVENTIVE POLICY

Zero-tolerance policies punish violence appropriately and deter future incidents. Policy can also foster a safe, inclusive environment that encourages positive values



TRAIN YOUR STAFF

Nearly half of school homicide perpetrators gave at least one warning. Educate personnel on warning signs, de-escalation techniques and effective communication skills



IDENTIFY, COUNSEL AT-RISK STUDENTS

Early intervention offers you more time to steer the student onto a new path and also ensures your efforts will be more effective



LET TECH HELP

Adopt district-wide case management software. The system helps you track incidents, conduct effective investigations and analyze threats and trends



DEVELOP A PLAN

Develop lockdown, evacuation and fire drills to prevent staff and students from going into a state of shock. A good plan makes handling inevitable incidents simpler



ROLES FOR ALL

Make sure parents, students, staff and the surrounding community know their role in reporting, addressing and preventing safety incidents in and out of school



INVESTIGATE INCIDENTS RIGHT

Violence can be the result of several risk factors. Discuss the incident calmly, openly and with genuine intent to find a resolution

