



Lead, Serve, Support

September 9, 2019

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

EMERGENCY DRILLS: **DON'T DRILL TO A DRILL - PRACTICE TO AN EMERGENCY!**

WA State Legislature requires monthly drills (including any month when students are in your buildings - to include Summer School). These drills focus on:

- Lockdown - Secure the Building (lockout)
- Evacuations - Fire, hazardous releases within your building, etc.
- Shelter-in-Place
- Earthquake: "Drop, Cover, and Hold" - a new requirement from the 2019 legislative session
 - *Great ShakeOut*, an international event, is scheduled for October 17, 2019 @ 10:17 a.m.
 - Do you evacuate your building(s) after an earthquake?
- Reunification Plan: Legislature now requires districts to have this plan.

BE PREPARED AND PRACTICE!

Are you prepared for an emergency within your building? Things to consider before an emergency event include:

- Your location to an exit(s) - what if your closest exit is blocked by fire, debris, or the door is jammed from structural damage? Where do you go next?
- Where is the closest Fire Alarm Pull-Station - we see them every day but can we recall where they are during the pressure of an emergency?
- Where is your closest First-Aid kit and AED? Do you have a plan to take them outside during an evacuation?
- Does your plan address who is responsible for retrieving emergency medications when evacuating the building?
- Where is your closest fire extinguisher? Remember **PASS... Pull, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep.**
- Can you easily and quickly secure your work area (classroom, office, etc.)?
- If assigned to work in a portable classroom: Can you easily and quickly turn off the heating or air-conditioning ventilation system if the outside air is contaminated?
- Do you know where your Emergency Plan is located? (It may be an emergency flipchart).

Remember to **PRACTICE** and take drills seriously! When an emergency occurs you react in the same fashion as you have practiced previously.

BOMB THREATS

Consider keeping a checklist cards under your phone so it's readily available to provide guidance during a stressful call situation. Here is a link to an example:

- Department of Homeland Security Bomb Threat Checklist: <https://tinyurl.com/ybvnd86>

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