



School Security Initiative

*School Safety Drill Act
PA -094-0600 (HB2693)*

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*Multi-Hazard Emergency
Planning for Illinois Schools
Training Project*



Purpose

“To Establish Minimum Requirements and Standards For Schools To Follow When Conducting School Safety Drills And Reviewing School Emergency And Crisis Response Plans And To Encourage Schools And First Responders To Work Together For The Safety Of Children”



Illinois School Safety Drill Act

- Applies to all public and private facilities that offers elementary or secondary education to students under the age of 21.
 - When a school has more than one location, each different location shall be considered its own school.
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Illinois School Safety Drill Act HB2693 (PA 094-0600)

- **Establishes a Minimum Number and Type of School Safety Drills Schools Must Conduct.**
 - **Requires School Emergency and Crisis Plans to be Reviewed Annually by Schools and First Responders.**
 - **Requires Reporting to Ensure Compliance.**
 - **School Officials Must Certify the Plan Was Reviewed**
 - **School Officials Must Certify Drills Were Conducted in every school building housing students during the academic year**
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Illinois School Safety Drill Act

Types of Drills:

- ✓ **Evacuation Drills** –“When conditions outside of a school are safer than inside”
(e.g.-fire, suspicious item, hazardous materials, bomb threats, earthquake)
 - ✓ **Bus Drills**- “When conditions outside the bus are safer than inside.”
(e.g.-fire, suspicious items, hazardous materials, accident)
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Illinois School Safety Drill Act

Types of Drills:

- ✓ **Law Enforcement Drills**- “When law enforcement involvement is necessary to protect school occupants and it is safer inside the school than outside”
 - May call for reverse-evacuation or lockdown
 - (e.g. shooting incidents, bomb threats, suspicious persons, hazardous materials)
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Types of Drills (Continued)

- ✓ **Severe Weather/Shelter-in-Place**-“When conditions require refuge for students, staff and public within school buildings in an emergency.”
 - Severe weather including: shear winds, lightning, tornados and earthquakes
 - Hazardous materials: chemical, incendiary, explosives
 - **Weapons of Mass Destruction**: biological, chemical and nuclear weapons
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Illinois School Safety Drill Act Requirements

- **A minimum of 3 Evacuation Drills- (with 1 requiring the participation of local fire dept.)**
 - **A minimum of 1 Bus Evacuation Drill**
 - **A minimum of 1 Severe Weather or Shelter-in-Place drill**
 - **A minimum of 1 Law Enforcement Drill with law enforcement participation.**
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Illinois School Safety Drill Act Requirements

- **Evacuation Drills-"Minimum of 3 School Evacuation Drills Each Academic Year"**
 - **One** of the 3 evacuation drills requires participation of appropriate local Fire Dept/District
 - **NO LATER THAN Sept 15th** Each school administrator or designee must contact the local Fire Dept./District & propose **4** dates in October for the drill.
 - The Fire Dept/District official may choose any of the 4 available dates for the drill.
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Illinois School Safety Drill Act Requirements

○ **Evacuation Drills**-(continued)

- School Administrator and Local Fire Official May By Mutual Agreement, Set Any Other Date For The Drill Outside October
 - Upon Participation Of Fire Dept/District, The Fire Official Shall Certify The School Evacuation Drill Was Conducted.
 - **ON or BEFORE Sept 14th**, School & Fire Officials mutually may waive fire dept participation.
 - Schools Must Still Conduct A Minimum of 3 Drills
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Illinois School Safety Drill Act Requirements

Bus Evacuation Drill

- One bus drill required annually
 - Bus drill shall be accounted for in curriculum in all schools supported by public funds
 - Shall include instruction in safe bus riding practices for all students
 - May include procedures in case of fire, suspicious items, & hazardous materials.
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Illinois School Safety Drill Act Requirements

Law Enforcement Drills

- Schools must conduct a minimum of one law enforcement drill to prepare for incidents including reverse evacuations, lockdown, shootings, bomb threats and hazardous materials.
 - The law enforcement official must certify the drill was conducted.
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Illinois School Safety Drill Act Requirements

- Annual review of the school buildings Emergency & Crisis Response Plans, Protocols and Procedures.
 - Includes each building's compliance with school safety drills.
 - Review and update the existing emergency plans, in collaboration and cooperation with first responder agencies.
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Annual Review of Emergency and Crisis Response Plans

Each School Board or designee is required to participate & invite:

- Principal of each school
- Educational Association
- Other persons the Board believes will aid in the review process

Representatives of all local first responders:

- Local Fire Official
 - Local Law Enforcement Agency
 - Local Emergency Medical Services Agency
 - Local Emergency Management Agency
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Annual Review of Emergency & Crisis Response Plans

- *Upon completion of review, the school board or designee shall sign a one page report that:*
 - Summarizes the recommended changes to existing school safety plans and drill plans.
 - Lists parties that participated in the review.
 - Certifies an effective review of each school buildings Emergency Plan has occurred.
 - States that the school district will implement those plans during the academic year, and;
 - Includes authorization of the school board or designee.
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Annual Review of Emergency & Crisis Response Plans

- The School Board or Designees shall send a copy of the report to each party that participated in the annual review.
 - A copy shall be sent to the appropriate Regional Superintendent of Schools.
 - If any participant has comments on the certification documents, they must be submitted in writing to the Regional Supt.
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