

PREVENTING SCHOOL VIOLENCE: PREVENTION STRATEGIES TO PROTECT THE K-12 COMMUNITY

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AGENDA

- **ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW**
- **RISK & EMERGING K-12 THREAT ENVIRONMENT**
- **SCHOOLSAFETY.GOV TOOLS AND FEATURES**
- **PSA / CSA RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT**
- **CAPACITY BUILDING**



OUR SCHOOL SAFETY PERSPECTIVE

OVERVIEW

THE CISA SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE (SSTF) WAS ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN STRENGTHENING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 (K-12) SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE SSTF'S WORK CENTERS AROUND BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF K-12 SCHOOL SAFETY COMMUNITY AND ADMINISTERING THE **FEDERAL SCHOOL SAFETY CLEARINGHOUSE** AND **SCHOOLSAFETY.GOV**

SCHOOL SAFETY ISSUE AREAS

- > BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING
- > CHILD EXPLOITATION
- > CYBERSECURITY
- > EMERGENCY PLANNING
- > INFECTIOUS DISEASE & PUBLIC HEALTH
- > MENTAL HEALTH
- > PHYSICAL SECURITY
- > SCHOOL CLIMATE
- > TARGETED VIOLENCE
- > TREAT ASSESSMENT & REPORTING



MISSION

THE SSTF ENHANCES THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF SCHOOLS BY:



FOSTERING CHANGE THROUGH OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS



FACILITATING ACTION BY CREATING, COORDINATING, AND DISSEMINATING RESOURCES, PRODUCTS, AND TOOLS TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS IN IMPLEMENTING AND STRENGTHENING THEIR PHYSICAL SECURITY POSTURES



EQUIPPING STAKEHOLDERS WITH TRAINING AND EXPERTISE TO APPLY RECOGNIZED BEST PRACTICES IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES, VENUES, AND SCHOOLS

PSA / CSA Mission & Overview

- Protective Security Advisors (PSAs) and Cyber Security Advisors (CSAs) are field-deployed personnel who serve as critical infrastructure security specialists
- State, local, tribal, territorial (SLTT) and private sector link to CISA and other federal infrastructure protection resources
 - Coordinate vulnerability assessments, training, and other DHS CISA products and services
 - Provide a vital link for information sharing in steady state and incident response



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**WHAT
BEST
DESCRIBES
YOUR
ROLE?**

A DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR (e.g., Superintendent)

B SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR (e.g., Principal)

C ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-BASED LE / SRO

D MIDDLE SCHOOL-BASED LE / SRO

E HIGH SCHOOL-BASED LE / SRO

F STATE LEVEL EDUCATION ORGANIZATION

G EMERGENCY PLANNER / MANAGER

H SCHOOL SAFETY ORGANIZATION REP

I SCHOOL STAFF (e.g., Teacher)

J OTHER



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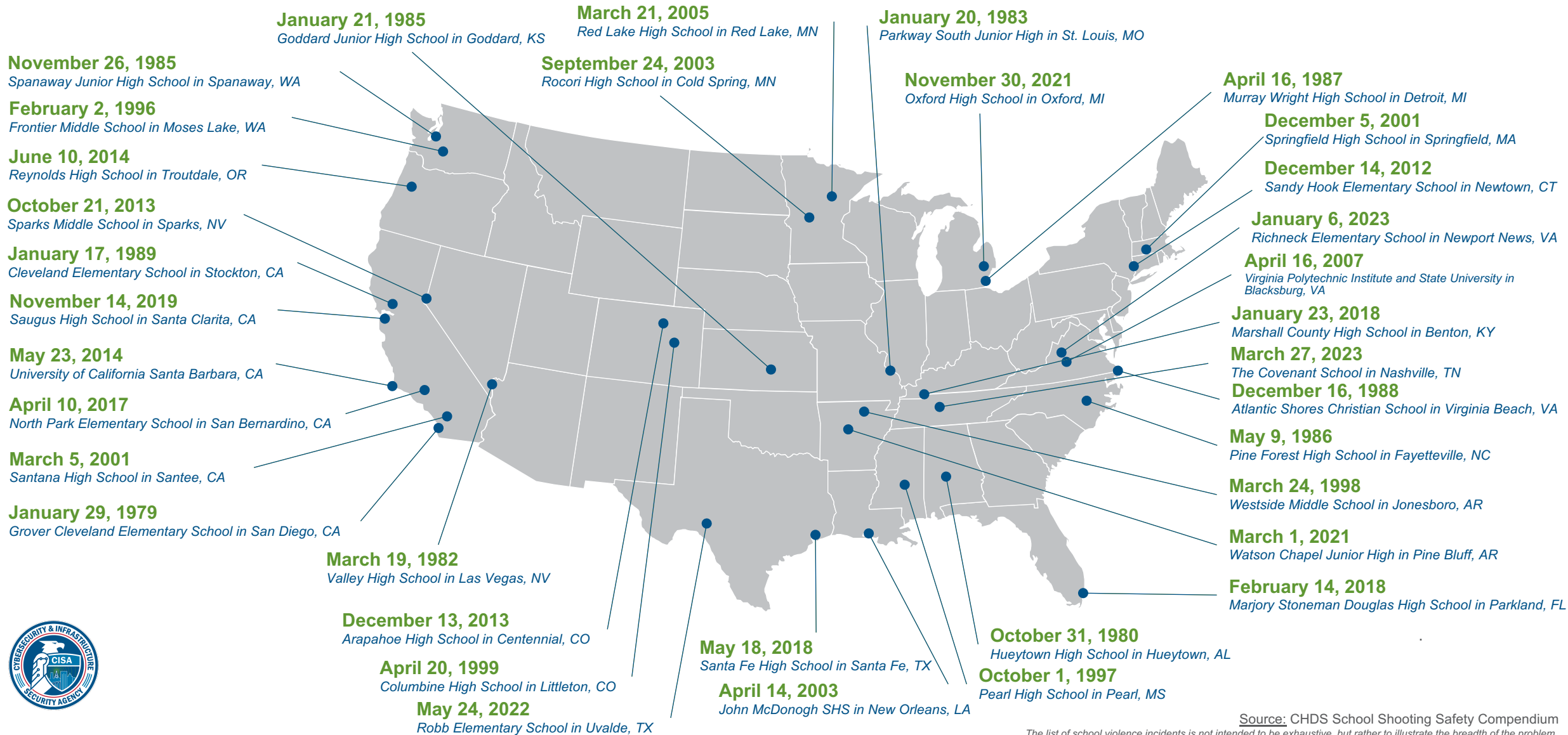
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K-12 SCHOOL SAFETY RISK & THREAT ENVIRONMENT TRENDS

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HISTORY OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE



Source: CHDS School Shooting Safety Compendium

The list of school violence incidents is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather to illustrate the breadth of the problem.

WHAT THE THREAT DATA IS SAYING...



TARGETED VIOLENCE

77% PERCENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECORDED ONE OR MORE INCIDENTS OF CRIME, AMOUNTING TO 1.4 MILLION INCIDENTS. A RATE OF 29 INCIDENTS PER 1,000 STUDENTS.¹



CYBERSECURITY THREATS

MALICIOUS CYBER ACTORS ARE TARGETING SCHOOL COMPUTER SYSTEMS, DISRUPTING ACCESS, AND RENDERING THE SYSTEMS UNABLE TO PERFORM BASIC FUNCTIONS.²



HOAX CALLS & SWATTING

FROM SEPTEMBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2022 K-12 SCHOOLS REPORTED NEARLY 200 SWATTING AND HOAX INCIDENTS IN 28 STATES³



MENTAL HEALTH

44% OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS REPORTED THEY PERSISTENTLY FELT SAD OR HOPELESS DURING THE PAST YEAR.⁴



ANIMATING GRIEVANCES

LONE OFFENDERS' AND GROUPS MOTIVATED BY A RANGE OF IDEOLOGICAL AND/OR PERSONAL GRIEVANCES CONTINUE TO POSE A PERSISTENT THREAT TO SCHOOLS.⁵



Sources:



SchoolSafety.gov



SCHOOLSAFETY.GOV

FEDERAL SCHOOL SAFETY CLEARINGHOUSE

Federal and State Resources, Guidance, and
Tools to Create Safety School Environments

SAFETY TOPICS



BULLYING & CYBERBULLYING



CHILD EXPLOITATION



CYBERSECURITY



EMERGENCY PLANNING



INFECTIOUS DISEASES & PUBLIC HEALTH



MENTAL HEALTH



SCHOOL CLIMATE



TARGETED VIOLENCE



THREAT ASSESSMENT & REPORTING

KEY TOOLS & FEATURES



SAFETY READINESS TOOL



STATE SEARCH TOOL



RESOURCE LIBRARY



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



GRANTS FINDER TOOL



K-12 COMMUNITY BULLETIN



COMMUNICATIONS CENTER





SUPPORTING STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ARE INNATELY CONNECTED TO STUDENTS' SUCCESS IN THE CLASSROOM AND TO A THRIVING SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.

PREVENTING BULLYING

BULLYING & CYBERBULLYING INCREASES THE RISK FOR DEPRESSION, ANXIETY, SLEEP DIFFICULTIES, LOWER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, AND DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL.



AVERTING VIOLENCE

IMPROVING SCHOOLS' PHYSICAL SECURITY AND INVOLVING SCHOOL PERSONNEL WHO ARE TRAINED TO PREVENT, RECOGNIZE, AND RESPOND TO THREATS OF VIOLENCE.



ENSURING ONLINE SAFETY

THESE ATTACKS CAN IMPACT A SCHOOL'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT ITS EDUCATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND PROTECT SENSITIVE STUDENT AND STAFF DATA.



HOLISTIC SAFETY



IMPROVING SCHOOL CLIMATE

DEVELOPING STUDENTS WITH STRONG CHARACTER WHO ARE CONNECTED TO THEIR PEERS, EDUCATORS, AND COMMUNITIES IN MEANINGFUL WAYS CAN IMPROVE SCHOOL CLIMATE, AND BEHAVIORAL AND ACADEMIC OUTCOMES.



INTERVENING WITH SUPPORT EARLY

IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS THREATENING OR ESCALATING BEHAVIORS BEFORE THEY LEAD TO VIOLENCE.



TRAINING, EXERCISES, & DRILLS

PREPARES STUDENTS, TEACHERS, STAFF, PARENTS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR THE ACTIONS TO TAKE BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER SAFETY INCIDENTS.



**WHAT
HOLISTIC
SCHOOL
SAFETY
TOPICS DOES
YOUR SCHOOL
FOCUS MOST
ON?**

A PREVENTING BULLYING

B ONLINE SAFETY

C SCHOOL CLIMATE

D TRAINING, EXERCISES, & DRILLS

E INTERVENING WITH SUPPORT EARLY

F AVERTING VIOLENCE

G SUPPORTING STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH



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GRANTS FINDER TOOL

HELPS MEMBERS OF THE K-12 SCHOOL COMMUNITY MORE EASILY FIND, APPLY FOR, AND ULTIMATELY RECEIVE SCHOOL SAFETY-RELATED FEDERAL FUNDING.



SAFETY TOPIC



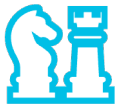
RELEASE & DEADLINES



AWARD AMOUNT



LEVEL OF EFFORT NEEDED



TYPE OF GRANT



FUNDING AGENCY



APPLICABLE AUDIENCES



ALERTS & NOTIFICATIONS



TOOLS AND FEATURES

RESOURCE LIBRARY



FIND **ACTIONABLE RESOURCES**, GUIDANCE, TRAINING, AND FACT SHEETS THAT CAN BE FILTERED BY AUDIENCE, INTENDED APPLICATION, AND TOPICS TO HELP SCHOOLS CREATE AND MAINTAIN A SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

LINK: [SCHOOLSAFETY.GOV/FIND-SCHOOL-SAFETY-RESOURCES](https://www.schoolsafety.gov/find-school-safety-resources)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



FIND UPCOMING WEBINARS, TRAINING SESSIONS, AND CONFERENCES FOR SCHOOL SAFETY PERSONNEL, ADMINISTRATORS, EDUCATORS, AND PARENTS.

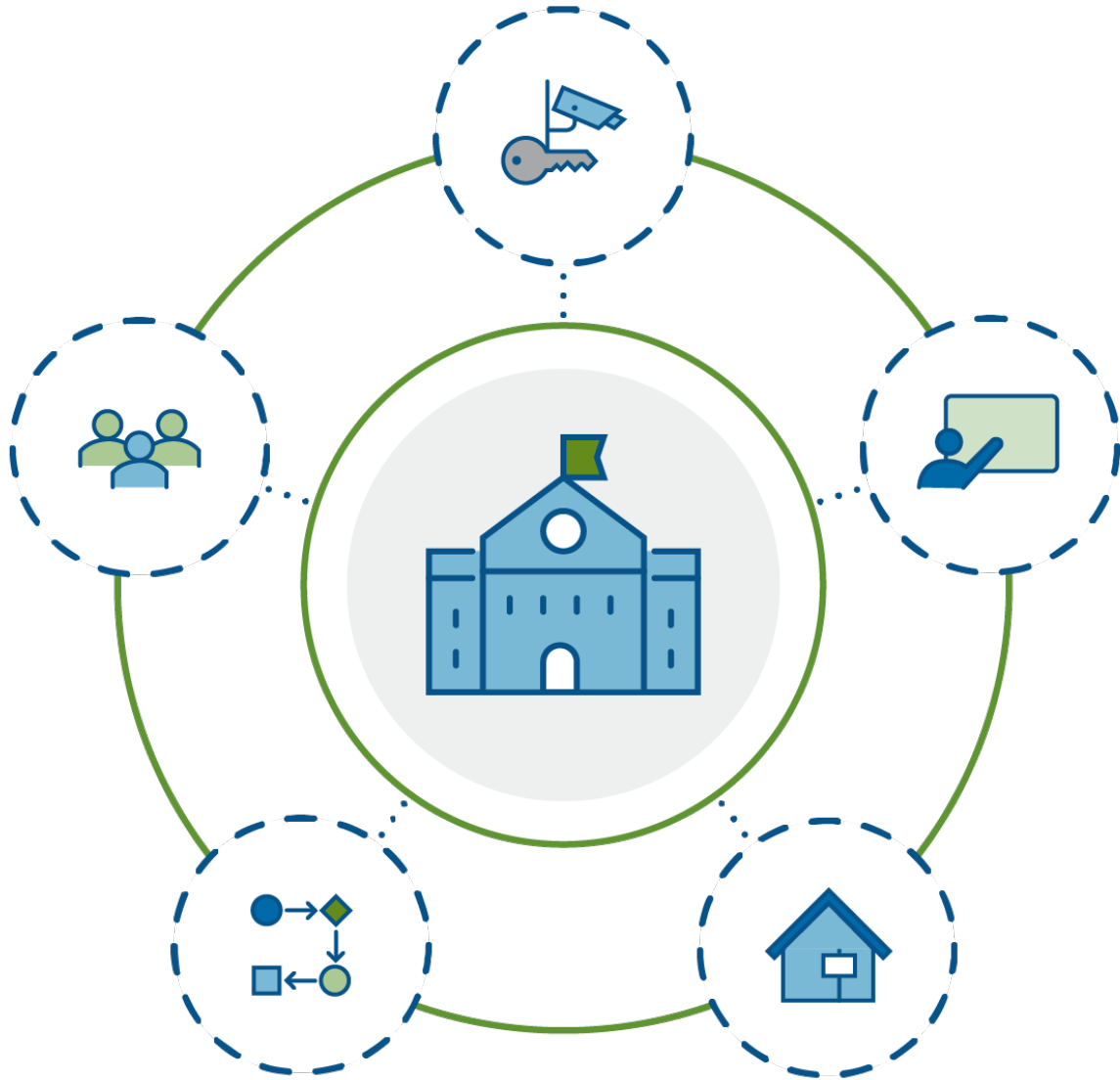
LINK: [SCHOOLSAFETY.GOV/EVENTS](https://www.schoolsafety.gov/events)

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER



PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE COLLECTION OF **HANDOUTS**, PRESENTATIONS, **NEWSLETTER BULLETINS**, AND MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOLSAFETY.GOV.

LINK: [SCHOOLSAFETY.GOV/SCHOOL-SAFETY-COMMUNICATIONSCENTER](https://www.schoolsafety.gov/school-safety-communicationscenter)



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PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVISOR / CYBER SECURITY ADVISOR SERVICES & SUPPORTS

REGION 5

PSA / CSA Mission Areas

- Protective Security Advisors (PSAs) / Cyber Security Advisors (CSAs) have **five mission areas** that directly support the protection of critical infrastructure:
 - Plan, coordinate, and conduct security surveys and assessments
 - Plan and conduct outreach activities (*supporting K-12 Schools is a CISA priority*)
 - Support National Special Security Events (NSSEs) and Special Event Activity Rating (SEAR) events
 - Respond to incidents
 - Coordinate and support improvised explosive device awareness and risk mitigation training (PSAs only)



PSA Assist Visits (A/V)

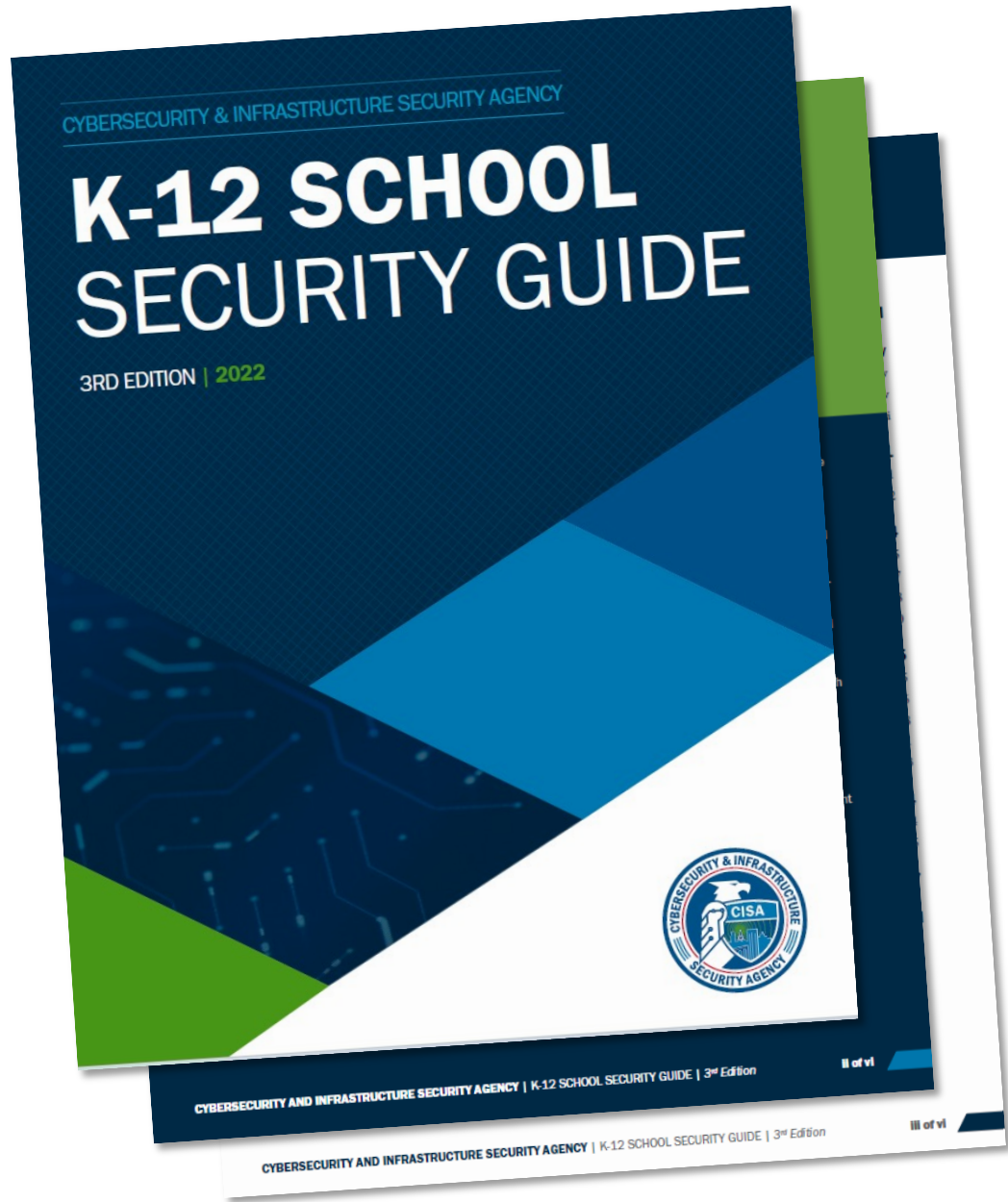
- Establish and enhance CISA's relationship with critical infrastructure owners and operators; inform them of the importance of their facilities, and reinforce the need for continued vigilance
- During an Assist Visit, PSAs focus on coordination, outreach, training, and education
- Assist Visits are often followed by security surveys using the Infrastructure Survey Tool (IST) or Security Assessment at First Entry (SAFE) or delivery of other CISA services



CSA Cyber Protective Visit (CPV)

- One-on-one engagement to understand the organization's needs, and develop the foundation for further engagements and offerings
- During a Cyber Protective Visit, CSAs focus on promoting collaborative efforts to reduce risks and threats to critical information, enterprise, communications and control systems
- Assist Visits are often followed by cybersecurity surveys using the Cyber Resilience Review (CRR), Ransomware Readiness Assessment (RRA), Cross-sector Cyber Performance Goals (CPG) or delivery of other CISA services





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K-12 SCHOOL SECURITY GUIDE, ASSESSMENT TOOL AND PRODUCT SUITE

CISA SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE

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WHAT PHYSICAL SECURITY TOOLS OR TACTICS DOES YOUR SCHOOL USE?

A SECURITY PERIMETER (e.g., Fencing & Barriers)

B ENTRY CONTROL (e.g., Monitored Entries, Badges, Escort Visitors)

C BROADCAST SYSTEMS (e.g., Loudspeakers)

D SECURITY PERSONNEL (e.g., Security Guards)

E MOTION ACTIVATED LIGHTING SYSTEM

F BUILDING CODE-APPROVED LOCKS

G VISUAL MONITORING (e.g., Cameras, CCTV)

H 2-WAY COMMUNICATIONS (e.g., Alert Systems)



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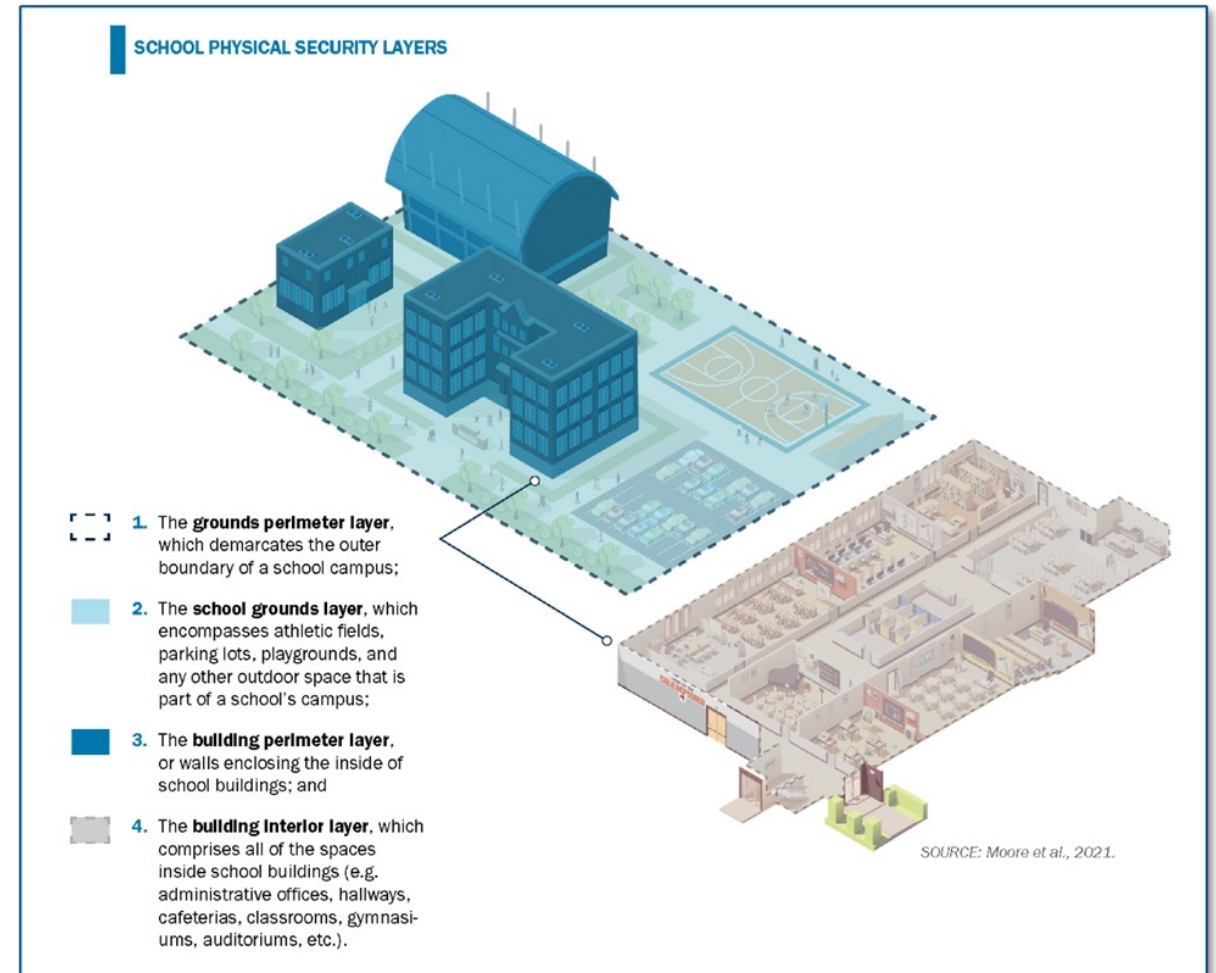
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K-12 SCHOOL SECURITY GUIDE

PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE DOCTRINE AND SYSTEMS-BASED METHODOLOGY TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS IN CONDUCTING VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS AND PLANNING TO IMPLEMENT **LAYERED PHYSICAL SECURITY ELEMENTS** ACROSS K-12 DISTRICTS AND CAMPUSES.

- ENHANCE UNDERSTANDING OF A SYSTEMS-BASED APPROACH TO LAYERED PHYSICAL SECURITY
- EXPLAIN THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SECURITY SYSTEM
- DESCRIBE COMMON CHALLENGES SCHOOLS FACE IN PLANNING OR MAKING IMPROVEMENTS



SCHOOL SECURITY ASSESSMENT TOOL



KEY FEATURES:

- > HIGHLY PORTABLE
- > SIMPLE IN LANGUAGE & DESIGN
- > CONSIDERS TRADE-OFFS
- > ENHANCES CURRENT STATE
- > PRIORITIZED RESULTS
- > RECOMMENDS NEXT ACTIONS

PRODUCT SUITE SUMMARY



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SCHOOL SECURITY ASSESSMENT TOOL (SSAT)



VIDEO: SSAT “HOW-TO” VIDEO



VIRTUAL TRAINING: GENERAL USER



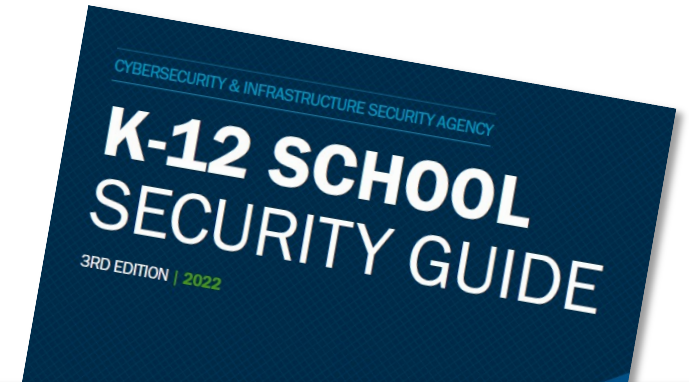
VIRTUAL TRAINING: TRAIN THE TRAINER



K-12 GUIDE USER GUIDE



K-12 GUIDE TECHNICAL APPENDIX



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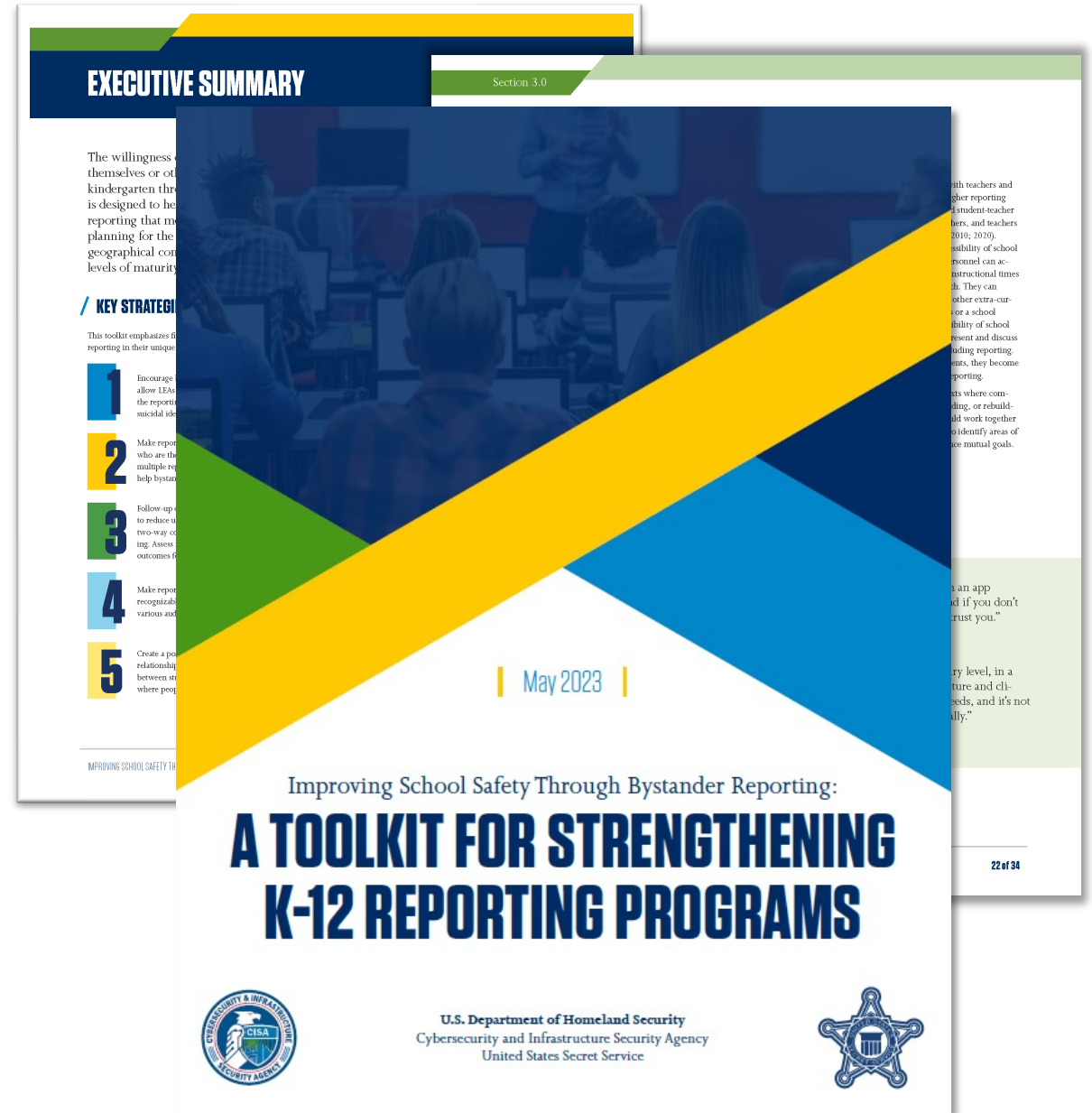
[LINK: CISA.GOV/K-12-SCHOOL-SECURITY-GUIDE-PRODUCT-SUITE](https://www.cisa.gov/k-12-school-security-guide-product-suite)



CISA-USSSS K-12 BYSTANDER REPORTING TOOLKIT

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NATIONAL THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER
(NTAC)

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**WHAT
REPORTING
METHODS
DOES YOUR
SCHOOL
OFFER?**

A PHONE LINE

B EMAIL

C ONLINE FORM

D MOBILE APP

E IN PERSON

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IMPORTANCE OF EARLY IDENTIFICATION

THE FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO YOUTH VIOLENCE ARE COMPLEX AND FAR-RANGING, BUT RESEARCH SHOWS THAT **EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF THREATENING OR CONCERNING BEHAVIORS AND INTERVENTION REDUCES VIOLENCE.**



DURING THE 2019–2020 SCHOOL YEAR, **80 PERCENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS** RECORDED THAT ONE OR MORE INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE, THEFT, OR OTHER CRIMES HAD TAKEN PLACE, AMOUNTING TO **1.4 MILLION INCIDENTS.**



IN 2020, STUDENTS AGES 12–18 EXPERIENCED **285,400 VICTIMIZATIONS AT SCHOOL**, TRANSLATING TO A RATE OF 11.2 VICTIMIZATIONS PER 1,000 STUDENTS AT SCHOOL.



Source: Behavioral Approach to Violence Prevention 2.0 | Homeland Security (dhs.gov)

Source: Fast Facts: School crime (49) (ed.gov)



Behaviors that may indicate: ■ Concern ■ Heightened Concern ■ Imminent Concern

THE REPORTING & PREVENTION CONTINUUM



STRENGTHEN REPORTING

SECTION 1.0



ENCOURAGE BYSTANDER REPORTING



ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY



MAKE REPORTING A PART OF DAILY SCHOOL LIFE



POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE

LINK: [CISA.GOV/RESOURCES-TOOLS/RESOURCES/K-12-BYSTANDER-REPORTING-TOOLKIT](https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/k-12-bystander-reporting-toolkit)

SECTION 2.0



CUSTOMIZING REPORTING SYSTEMS TO YOUR ENVIRONMENT

SECTION 3.0



STRATEGIES TO STRENGTHEN YOUR SCHOOL'S REPORTING

SECTION 4.0



RESOURCES FOR YOUR SCHOOL TO TAKE ACTION

WORKSHEETS



IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS FOR YOUR SCHOOL



QUESTION & ANSWER

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RESOURCES & REFERENCES

CISA

- [K-12 School Security Guide Product Suite](#)
- [National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security](#)
- [Active Shooter Preparedness: School Security and Resilience](#)
- [Protecting our Future: Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Organizations from Cybersecurity Threats](#)
- [Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Toolkit](#)
- [Bombing Prevention Resources and Trainings](#)
- [Securing Mass Gathering Resources](#)
- [De-Escalation of Violence Resources](#)
- [Tabletop Exercise Packages](#)
- [Protective Security Advisors \(PSA\)](#)
- [Cybersecurity Advisors \(CSA\)](#)

SCHOOLSAFETY.GOV

- [Grants Finder Tool](#)
- [Safety Readiness Tool](#)
- [State Information Sharing Tool](#)
- [Resource Library](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Informational Webinar Series](#)
- [Monthly School Safety Community Bulletin](#)
- [Communication Center](#)

DHS

- [NTAS Bulletin](#)
- [CP3: Prevention Resources](#)
- [If You See Something, Say Something](#)

USSS NTAC

- [Mass Attacks in Public Spaces: 2016-2020](#)
- [Averting Targeted School Violence: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Plots Against Schools](#)
- [Protecting America's Schools: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Targeted School Violence](#)
- [Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence](#)

