

# TOOLKIT ONE: ASSESS

## 10 TIPS TO HELP YOU RETHINK SCHOOL SAFETY



### Practice...

off-site evacuations and drills. Students, staff, and parents default to their levels of training.



### Prepare...

to step into each other's roles. Set up both in-house and district level teams to provide support during a crisis.



### Plan...

for reunification. Consider locations, logistics, and personnel necessary for securing and supporting reunification.



### Implement...

simple measures. Even small changes (like updating locks & revamping visitor management) can have a great impact on school safety.



### Consider...

how an emergency is announced. How many different ways can an emergency be communicated? Who is empowered to announce an emergency?



### Review...

your communication channels. What types of tools and strategies are available to communicate during an emergency?



### Establish...

a recovery team. Set up in-house, district and community-based mental health supports before a crisis.



### Restore...

a sense of safety. Attend to the community's needs for physical & psychological safety with visible presence of safety & mental health personnel.



### Assess...

Act and Audit. Rethink school safety with the Straight A Safety Model, an active and continual process for school safety improvement.



### Share...

innovation and inspiration. Set aside time to network and explore simple ideas & solutions with community members at [safeandsoundschools.org](https://safeandsoundschools.org).