



It Won't Happen Here

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EMERGENCY

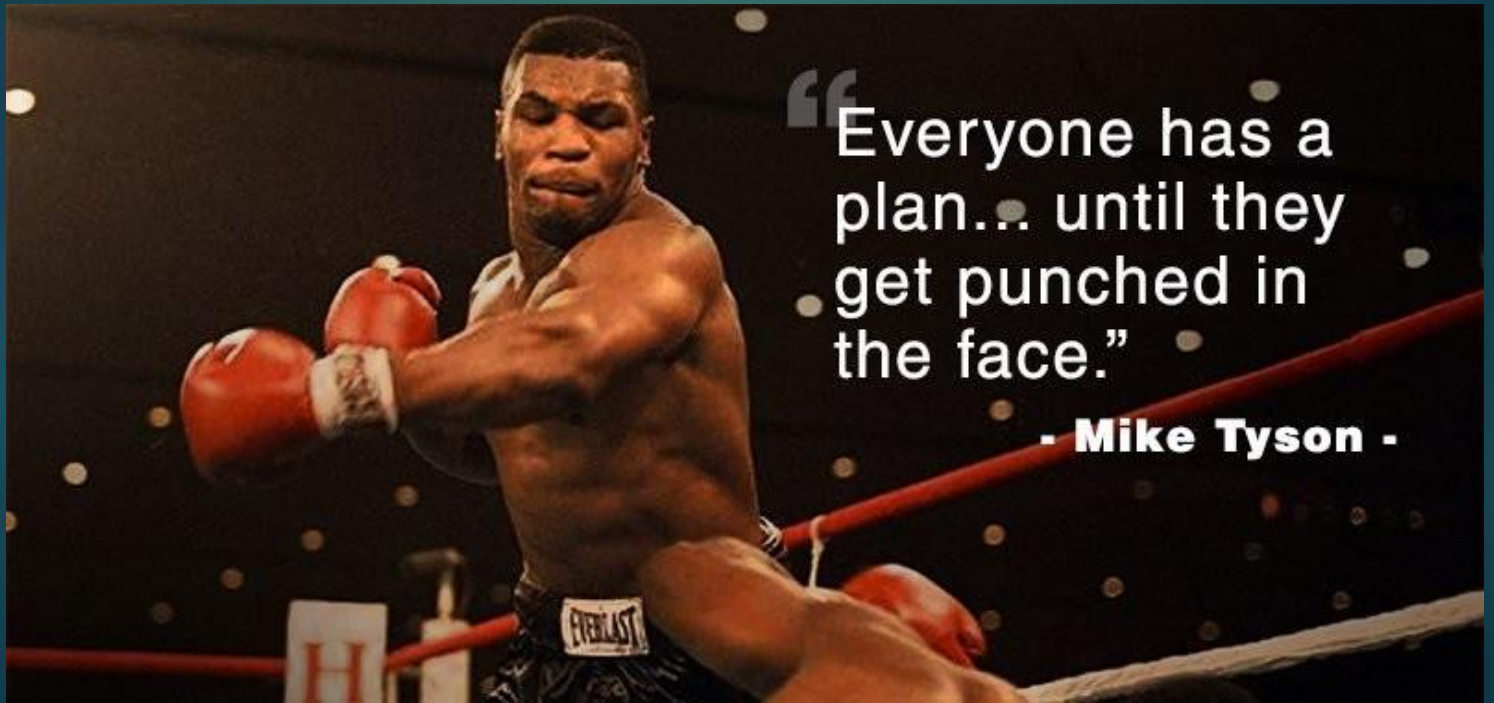


Emergencies vary

*And so does the
plan to respond to
them*



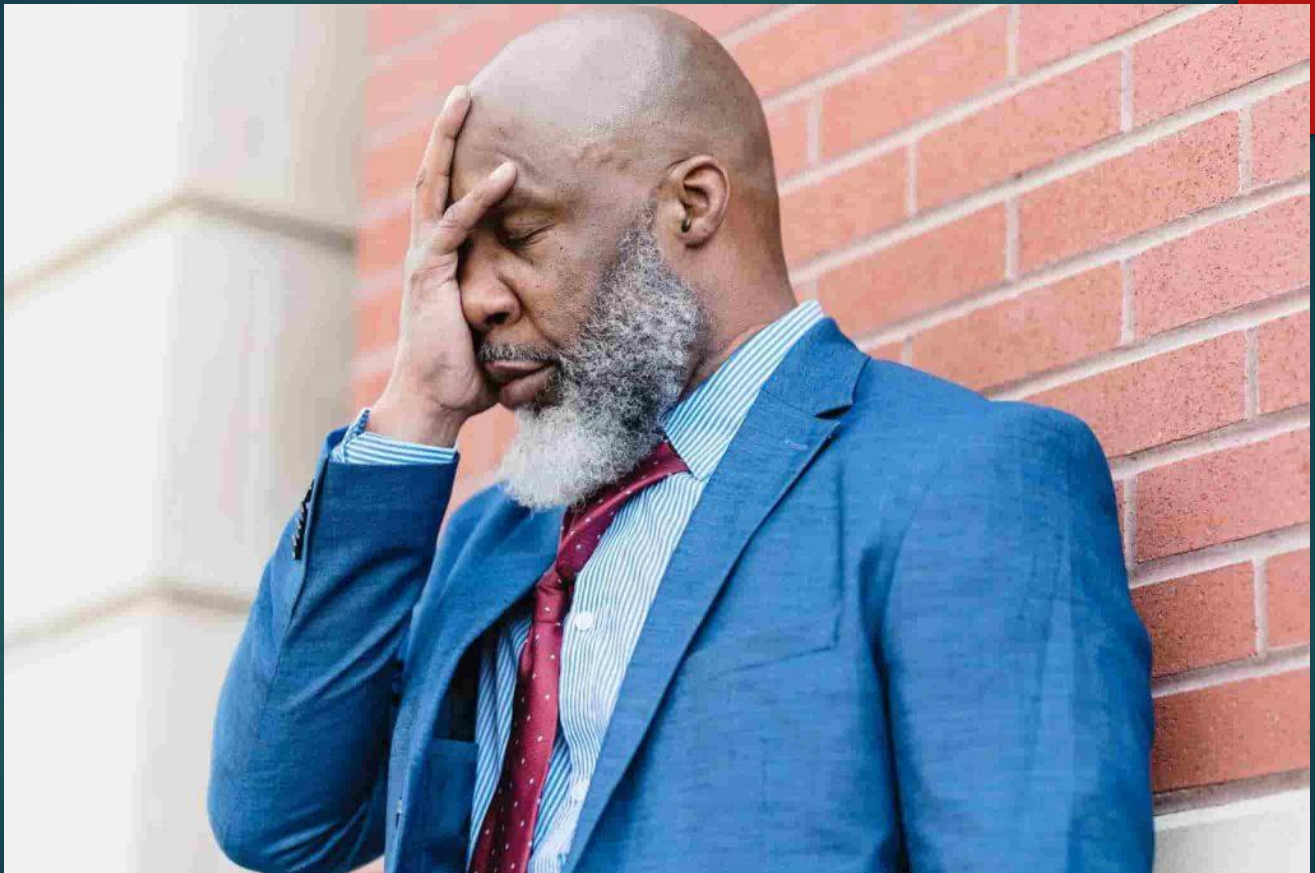
What is your plan?



Flexibility!

OPTIONS?

PANIC!!!!!!!



OPTIONS!



HOLD



SECURE



LOCKDOWN



EVACUATE



SHELTER

Adapted from the STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL (SRP)

HOLD

Whenever the hallways need to be kept clear

What to do

- Keep students where they are
- Doors closed
- Communicate status to administration / de
- Activities can continue in that space
- Remain there until the Hold has ended





MSAD #75 schools lift shelter-in-place after missing student found

All schools in MSAD #75 were in a shelter-in-place for about three hours Wednesday as officials searched for a missing Mt. Ararat High School student.



Some parents whose children have past experiences with bullying at the high school say they're not surprised to hear about the most recent incident.

Author: NEWS CENTER Maine Staff
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SECURE

An imminent danger or threat outside the building

Preparedness

- Know the best entrance from any outdoor areas
 - If outdoors, move indoors
- Assign teacher/staff to exterior doors
- Staff and student accountability process



Three suspects taken into custody after Bowdoinham burglary, school lockdown

The incident prompted Bowdoinham Community School, the nearby elementary school, to go into lockdown.



Author: Griffin Stockford (NEWS CENTER Maine), NEWS CENTER Maine Staff
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Sullivan school goes into lockdown following threat Monday morning



Student desk (WABI)
By WABI News Desk
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Suicidal man on Southern Maine Community College campus prompts lockdown

by Ariana St Pierre, WGME | Tue, September 30, 2025 at 9:28 AM
Updated Tue, September 30, 2025 at 9:54 PM



Man defending his chickens prompts Maine school lockdown

The Harpswell Community School was in lockdown for about half an hour Wednesday after reports of a man with a gun.



Cumberland County Sheriff's Department car
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Biddeford man arrested after being seen with gun near high school

A student reported the incident, which occurred during morning drop-off, spurring lockdowns at the schools as a protective measure.

Community: Biddeford

Posted May 9 Morgan Womack

LOCKDOWN

An imminent danger or threat is inside the building

Preparedness

- Check line of sight in classroom
- Consider classroom setup
- Identify and plan for challenging areas
- List of key holders for building access
- Self-evacuation locations



Child brought loaded gun to Maine elementary school, police say

by WGME | Tue, April 6th 2021 at 8:31 PM
Updated Wed, April 7th 2021 at 5:43 AM



The Richmond Police Department says a child brought a loaded hand gun to school. (Getty Images)

Police: Biddeford High School placed on lockdown after student saw gun in a car

The superintendent's office confirmed Friday morning that the elevated security protocol was in place and nobody was hurt.



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Knives seized from students at 2 Lewiston elementary schools

by Ariana St Pierre, WGME | Wed, March 22, 2023 at 12:58 PM



FILE - (Bnbgp)Connors Elementary School in Lewiston. (WGME)

EVACUATE

When it is safer to be outside than inside

Preparation

- Classroom specific evacuation maps
- Common area evacuation routes
- Gathering locations
- Accountability method





Scarborough School Superintendent Diane Nadeau addresses reporters Thursday, March 6. (Spectrum News/Sean Murphy)

SCHOOL SAFETY

School evacuated in Scarborough after students become sick

BY SEAN MURPHY | MAINE
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A mysterious gas at an elementary school in Scarborough sent 11 kids to the hospital for evaluation and prompted a temporary evacuation, according to school and fire department officials.
Just after 10 a.m., School Superintendent Diane Nadeau said about 120 3rd and 4th grade students were in the cafeteria at the Wentworth School, standing on the stage there and rehearsing for a concert.

Colby College in Waterville, Maine, evacuated due to threat

School officials said an email was received Monday claiming there was a bomb



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Adam Bartow

Bomb threat leads to evacuation of Mount View High School



Mt. View High School (WABI)

By WABI News Desk

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THORNDIKE, Maine (WABI) - Law enforcement is investigating after officials say a bomb threat led to the evacuation of Mount View High School in Thorndike Tuesday afternoon.

Brewer High School reopens following Thursday's evacuation due to electrical issue



By WABI News Desk

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SHELTER

When bad weather is anticipated or hazardous material has been released near the school

Preparation

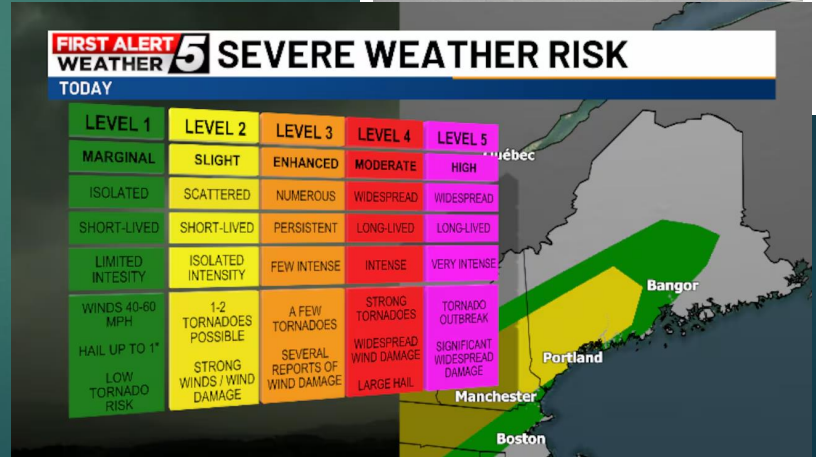
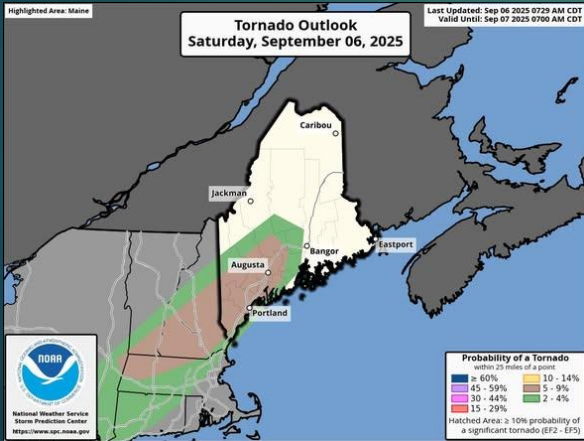
- Designated shelter areas
- Materials to seal off air flow
- Shutting off utilities



Microburst slammed York County towns

Students return to class after water main break leaves Saco school without water

According to the district's facilities director, Don Roth, water mains can typically last 75 to 100 years. This particular main was less than 30 years old.



Other types of emergencies



Off site

3 children, SUV driver taken to hospital after school bus crash in Belfast, Maine

Several ambulances were seen at the scene Thursday morning



2 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS INJURED
AFTER BUS CRASHES IN BELFAST

HAPPENING
NOW

8 YEARS 70 YEARS 80°
12:01



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Three injured after school bus and vehicle collide in Gorham

The three high school students on the bus were evaluated by EMS at the scene and released to their parents, police said.



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Bus/Vehicle Crash

When possible, an identified designee should respond to the scene of the crash and report to incident commander

- Communication is key
- Identification of / Experience with students
- Parent / guardian contact info

What's Next?


Assessing Hazard Vulnerability and Creating Action Plans

<https://www.maine.gov/doe/safety>


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Maine School Safety Center Services

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MAINE SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER



AMENDMENTS TO 1. 20-A MRSA §16 (LD892)

Watch on YouTube

This video goes over the amendments to Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1001, sub-§16 (LD892) that was enacted on October 25, 2023, regarding the Comprehensive Health and Safety and Emergency Management Plan.

Our Services

EMERGENCY GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS

HOW TO RESPOND TO INJURY AND ILLNESS AT SCHOOL



<https://www11.maine.gov/doe/schoolsupports/schoolhealth/guidelines/emergencycare>

Public safety collaboration

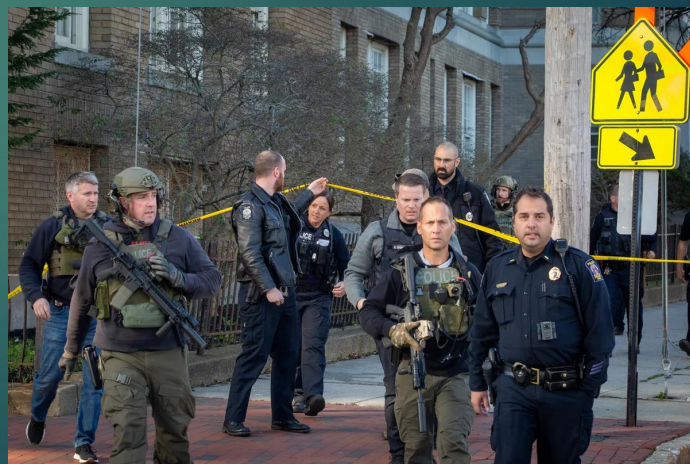


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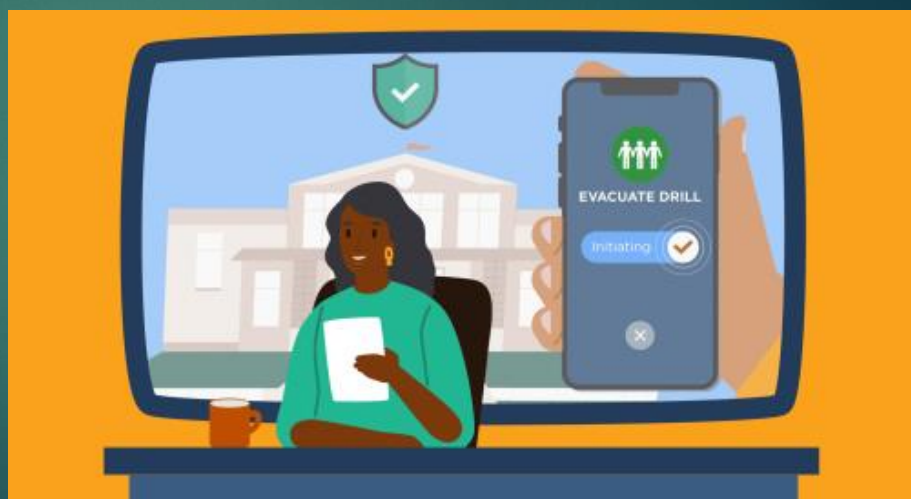
Oakland

Develop a reunification process



How do you communicate?

- ▶ Internal Notification of Emergency
 - ▶ Educators / Staff
 - ▶ Parents
- ▶ External Notification
 - ▶ Responders
 - ▶ Public
 - ▶ Media



Communication Planning

- ▶ WHAT to say
 - ▶ Vetted pre-written templates (Internal)
 - ▶ Vetted -re-written templates (External)
- ▶ WHO to say it to
 - ▶ Regularly updated distribution lists (Internal)
 - ▶ Regularly updated distribution lists (External)
- ▶ HOW to say it
 - ▶ Email
 - ▶ Robocall/Auto dialers
 - ▶ Text



Methods of Communication

- ▶ Internal notification system
- ▶ Parental contact method
- ▶ Emergency Operations Center
- ▶ School website
- ▶ Social media pages
- ▶ Paper copy of statements
- ▶ Local news sources



**KEEP
CALM
AND
REVISE**

Thank you!

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