

# Lesson 5: What Schools Can Do Today

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# Demonstrate Due Diligence

Any organization, post crisis, generally should be able to demonstrate due diligence preparedness.

*If you can't demonstrate due diligence preparation, liability may increase.*

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# What can teams put in place today?

- **Change Processes**

Example: Create a first layer of lockdown by having teachers close and lock classroom doors.

- **Deterrence**

Examples: Invite local law enforcement to use your parking lot to write reports, have a school resource officer.

- **Visitor Management**

Examples: Controlling access to your building and asking for ID. Making sure the people in charge of visitor management have the information they need to effectively screen people – eg. custodial info.

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*Having representation from different stakeholders within the organization on your safety and security team is beneficial.*



# 5 Recommendations

## 1. **Physical Security Assessment of Facility**

look for opportunities specifically for improvement regarding an intruder threat and response.

## 2. **Plans and Policies**

Make sure you have plans and policies in place, not only for disasters and weather, but for all types of crisis, including violent events, illness, non-custodial parent searching for child, etc.

## 3. **Know the Policies and Procedures**

Educate your faculty and staff so they know what to do and where to locate them.

## 4. **Training**

Overcome barriers to training and check out options in your community and/or options like Strategos. – Remember when working with local law enforcement on training or assessments – make sure they are telling you (the true first responder) what you need to do prior to law enforcement getting there.

## 5. **Drill Occasionally**

Communication is key, so visitors to the school know a drill is happening.



# Barriers to Training

- Denial – it will never happen here
- Cost – this can be overcome based on need



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Available training courses for schools - [www.strategosintl.com/schools](http://www.strategosintl.com/schools)

## **Prevention Based Courses**

- Behavior Pattern Recognition & Assessment
- Behavior Pattern Indicators of School Violence
- Suicide Prevention, Awareness and Response Strategies (S.P.A.R.S.) available for students, teachers and counselors, or parents
- The Parent and Community Role for Countering Active Shooter Threat in Schools

## **Response Based Training**

- School Active Shooter Intruder Response Training
- Crisis Casualty Care for School Personnel
- Bus Driver Awareness, Safety and Intruder Response Training (4 hours)

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without a solution.*



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