

Fire and Hazard Drills

Under rules of the New Hampshire Department of Safety each school is required to conduct a fire evacuation drill each month that school is in session. However, pursuant to RSA 189:64, I, at least **four (4)** such drills shall be all-hazard response drills, and at least **one (1)** of those must test emergency response to an armed assailant. The armed assailant drill may be discussion based. The scheduling, as well as the types and manner of drills and exercises for the all-hazard drills shall be determined by the building principal in consultation with the Superintendent, and local public safety, emergency management, and public health officials. The school may include students and first responders in all-hazard response drills or activities as deemed appropriate by the building principal and Superintendent. The remaining fire evacuation drills should be **for each building** by the building principal in coordination with the local fire department.

The purpose of such drills is to train students, under staff direction, to move safely, quickly, and quietly from any location within the building to an assigned evacuation area outside. The evacuation routes and procedures shall be developed in collaboration with the same agencies identified above for scheduling, and in accordance with the District's annual Crisis Prevention and Emergency Response Plan. Records of such drills shall be kept in accordance with that Plan.

Legal References:

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section SAF-C 6008.04, State Fire Code, Building Safety

NFPA 101 Life Safety Code 2015 Edition – Chapter 14 & 15

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