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# **STUDENT & STAFF DISTRICT EMERGENCY INFORMATION GUIDE**

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The Ardsley School District is committed to providing a safe environment for students and staff. In the event of an emergency, it is important for students and staff to be familiar with the way the District prevents and manages emergencies. This guide outlines key information and terms that are helpful to know in the event of an emergency situation.

# How to respond to a wide range of emergencies

Schools are required to engage in comprehensive emergency planning and training to prevent and manage emergencies in their buildings. Emergencies may include facility failures such as a gas leak, accidents, medical emergencies, severe weather or an intruder in the School. The following protocols may be used individually or in conjunction with one another to respond to a wide range of critical incidents.



## SECURE LOCKOUT

In response to a security concern outside of the school, a Secure Lockout secures all campus occupants inside the building. Normal operations will continue inside the building. Students will not be released during a secure lockout and building access is restricted during this time.



## EVACUATION (EVACUATE)

Evacuation (Evacuate) takes place if it is determined that it is safer outside than inside the building (fire, explosion, intruder, hazardous material spill), where students and staff can safely reach the evacuation location without danger.



## LOCKDOWN

In response to an imminent threat in or around a school, a Lockdown is used to quickly ensure all school staff, students are secured in rooms away from immediate danger. Only emergency responders can release each room from lockdown. Barricade the door or exit if the danger is within your locked area.



## HOLD-IN-PLACE/HOLD

A Hold-in-Place/Hold may be issued during a non-threatening event such as a medical emergency or a maintenance issue. Hallways are cleared, students are kept in classrooms, and instruction continues.



## SHELTER-IN-PLACE/ SHELTER

A Shelter-in-Place/ Shelter may be issued when it is necessary to remain inside the building due to exterior hazards such as severe weather. Students are kept in a safe space inside the building until the situation has been resolved.



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# How will the District keep lines of communication open with Staff and Students?

The District will provide ongoing information regarding the event, including specific instructions for parent/student reunification, if necessary. When/If it safe to do so, students and staff are encouraged to monitor phones and email regularly. Updates may also be posted on the following:

[www.Ardsleyschools.org](http://www.Ardsleyschools.org)

## What are the daily security measures students and staff should be aware of?

Standard operating safety procedures require all exterior doors to be locked at all times. Visitors must provide a government-issued photo ID, which will be scanned into the Visitor Management Database prior to building entry. Staff are required to wear photo identification while on campus.

The Ardsley School District is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff and visitors and works closely with area Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMS. Each school conducts several drills throughout the school year to help students and staff prepare for possible emergencies. At the time that drills are conducted, students and staff will be informed that the activities being conducted are a drill. Advance notice will not be given for evacuation drills. Each year, the District's Emergency Plan is reviewed and updated. The District-Wide School Safety Plan is posted on the District website. Please note that Building-Level plans are confidential for security reasons.

In the event of an emergency situation, please be assured that the District has an emergency management plan in place and that the District, School, Staff, and first responders will act accordingly. Students must follow all instructions set forth by staff and first responders.

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## Everyone in the school community has a role in safety and security. How can you help prevent an incident?

Students and staff may often be the first persons to recognize something suspicious, something out of the ordinary, odd behavior, actions or reactions that aren't characteristic of a person. By reporting what you see, help can be provided.

Staff should report anything they observe to an administrator.

Students or parents in the school community can anonymously submit any suspicious activity, bullying or other student related issues to a school administrator(s) through the use of the Anonymous Alerts program. Topics for submission may include bullying, cyberbullying, family difficulties, self-harm/cutting, drug and alcohol abuse, student depression, sexual harassment, or strange/abnormal student behavior. Submissions are monitored by school staff weekdays, from 7:45am to 5:00pm. Any urgent or serious matter outside of these times, should be reported by calling 911.

**Any life threatening emergencies should be reported by calling 911**

### How do I place an incident report on Internet-connected computers/tablets?

- Go to <https://tips.anonymousalerts.com/ardsleyufsd> from any Internet-connected device.
- Click on the web button called "Anonymous Alerts".

### How do I place a report from an iPhone or Android phone?

- From the iPhone Store, download the free app by searching for "Anonymous Alerts". If you have an Android phone, go to the Play Store, search for "Anonymous Alerts" and download.
- After downloading the app, click on it, enter **activation code:** **ardsleyufsd**