

A FUN AT-HOME ACTIVITY FOR FAMILIES

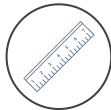
DESIGNING SAFE SCHOOL SPACES

Help your child think like a safety planner! Together, you'll explore how schools are designed to keep students safe and how they can help improve safety in their own school or home.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:



Paper



Ruler or measuring tape

Optional Supplies:



Tape or glue



Recycled materials



Tablet for digital drawings



Camera

Want to see real school designs in action? To learn more about school planning, construction, and projects happening at your child's school, visit puyallupsd.org/capitalprojects. Explore how schools are built and improved to support student learning!

STEP 1: WATCH & DISCUSS (10 MINUTES)

Start a fun conversation:

- "What safety features do you notice in your school or home?"
- "What makes a building safe?"
- "What would you change to make your school safer?"

Discuss the important people involved in building safe schools:

- **Architects** – Design buildings with safety in mind.
- **Engineers** – Make sure buildings are strong and secure.
- **Construction Workers** – Build safe structures.
- **School & City Officials** – Set safety rules and guidelines.

STEP 2: MAP YOUR SAFETY PLAN (10-15 MINUTES)

Create a safety map of your school or home!

- Draw a floor plan of your school or home.
- Use symbols (doors, windows, alarms, etc.) to represent important areas and mark key safety features, such as exits, alarms, and safe spots for emergencies.

Talk about safety improvements:

- "Where would you add more safety features?"
- "Are emergency exits easy to reach?"
- "Who can you talk to if you have safety concerns at school?"

STEP 3: BUILD A SAFER SCHOOL! (15-20 MINUTES)

- **Option 1: Draw it** – Draw a blueprint of a safe school.
- **Option 2: Build it** – Use blocks, Legos, or recycled materials to create a safety-focused model of a school.
- **Option 3: Go digital** – Try an app like SketchUp or Canva Whiteboard to design a school layout.

STEP 4: SHARE & DISCUSS (10 MINUTES)

Have your child explain their project:

- "What was the most important safety feature you included?"
- "If you were an architect, what would you change to make schools safer?"

 **Bonus:** Take a picture of their project and share it with the Foundations for Our Future (FFOF) crew at capitalproject@puyallupsd.org a few lucky designs will be shared on our FFOF Facebook and Instagram pages.