THE BIG FIVE SAFETY PROTOCOL



Shelter in Place

For external environmental threats, medical emergencies, or tsunami warnings (outside the danger zone). Actions may include closing windows, sealing vents, and shutting down HVAC systems.



Drop, Cover, and Hold On

For earthquakes and explosions: Protect from falling debris. Drop to the floor. Take cover and hold on.



Secure Campus

For potential threats of violence nearby: Return to assigned classroom. Close and lock all doors. Remain inside and continue with learning.



Lockdown/Barricade

For immediate threats of violence on premises: Go inside. Lock and barricade all doors. Cover windows and turn off lights. Remain quiet and alert.



Evacuation

For when conditions outside are safer than inside: Utilize “Look, Listen, and Leave.” Exit the building and move to a safe location.

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