

BUILDING SAFETY CHECKLIST

Suggested School Violence Prevention Modifications

Modification	Example		
Structural Changes	Improve lighting to increase the ability to supervise and limited opportunistic mischief.	(Y)	(N)
	Use landscaping to create light, open spaces and to eliminate places to hide drugs or weapons.	(Y)	(N)
	Close off isolated stairwells and other places difficult to supervise.	(Y)	(N)
	After consultation with students and parents, remove doors from lockers or remove lockers themselves to eliminate places where drugs or weapons can be stored.	(Y)	(N)
Maintenance	Keep halls, classrooms and bathrooms clean to encourage appropriate behavior.	(Y)	(N)
	Remove graffiti immediately and paint hallways in cheerful and attractive colors.	(Y)	(N)
	Repair or replace worn-out or damaged property.	(Y)	(N)
Create a Respectful and Positive School Environment	Recognize students by displaying their artwork, posters, student projects and merit awards.	(Y)	(N)
	Recognize two students each week for positive behavior.	(Y)	(N)
Hallways	Remove barriers, such as wastebaskets, to allow the free flow of traffic.	(Y)	(N)
	Remove barriers to supervision such as dead-end stair-ways.	(Y)	(N)
	Place dues and reminders of appropriate hall behavior, such as a yellow line down the center of the hallway.	(Y)	(N)
	Stagger passing periods to reduce the number of students in the hall at the same time.	(Y)	(N)
	Have classroom teachers, staff and student volunteers help direct traffic and monitor halls and stairways during the passing periods.	(Y)	(N)
Restrict Entry and Exit	Install mesh coverings on windows.	(Y)	(N)
	Provide single points of entry and exit.	(Y)	(N)
	Install metal detectors. Some districts (as well as security teams) rotate them on a random, unannounced schedule.	(Y)	(N)
	Lock the entrance and exit of parking lot.	(Y)	(N)