

Emergency Preparedness: Current Requirements & Future Guidance



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Digital Mapping

School Safety Drill Act - A public school may obtain crisis response mapping data and provide copies to appropriate local, county, state, and federal first responders for use in response to emergencies. The data shall be stored and provided in an electronic or digital format to assist first responders in responding to emergencies at the school. The State Board of Education shall provide grants to public schools to cover the costs incurred in obtaining crisis response mapping data. The data may be reviewed annually to update as necessary.



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Alyssa's Law

The family of victim Alyssa Alhadeff established Alyssa's Law (state-based legislation that mandates all public elementary and secondary school buildings be equipped with silent panic alarms that directly notify law enforcement of an incident). The legislation first became law in New Jersey (Alyssa's home state). Six other states followed suit, including Florida, New York, Texas, Tennessee, Utah, and Oklahoma. Versions of the legislation are also currently pending in 13 other states: Nebraska, Arizona, Virginia, Oregon, Georgia, Michigan, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Ohio, **Illinois (HB1072)**, South Carolina, and Washington.



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Cell Phone Ban

Governor Pritzker introduced a ban on cell phones in classrooms, aiming to reduce distractions, improve focus, and protect against cyberbullying. The proposal aligns Illinois with eight other states, including Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, South Carolina, California, Virginia, Ohio, and Minnesota. The ban would take effect in the 2026-2027 school year, giving districts time to develop their own policies. The ban would make exceptions for emergencies, medical purposes, special education plans, or ESL learners.



I Love U Guys Training

Course Description: The SRP/SRM Full-Day Train-the-Trainer introduces the concepts and history of the Standard Response Protocol and the Standard Reunification Method and how to educate students and staff in the programs and strategies to implement the programs.

Contact Dave Saitta, Program Manager (ASIM/SSAVEIM), to set up a class in your jurisdiction.



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Cardiac Emergency Response

The School Safety Drill Act (105 ILCS 128/1 et seq.) requires that school districts and private schools develop a Cardiac Emergency Response Plan and distribute it to all teachers, administrators, school support personnel, coaches, and other school staff identified by school administrators at each school. The plan must adhere to guidelines set forth by the American Heart Association or other nationally recognized, evidence-based standards for responding to individuals experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or similar life-threatening emergencies.



Pending Legislation

SB1519 requires annual reporting on student referrals to law enforcement beginning with the 2027–2028 school year, with statewide reporting due by January 31, 2029. It also requires any school district with a school resource officer to have a memorandum of understanding with the local law enforcement agency. Additionally, the bill prohibits municipalities from issuing students monetary fines, fees, tickets or citations as disciplinary consequences for incidents occurring on school grounds, during school hours or while using school transportation. The bill passed out of committee along party lines.

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Tools & Resource

safe2helpil.com

ilschoolsafety.org

cops.usdoj.gov/svpp

iemaohs.illinois.gov/hs/hsac/nsgp-il.html

fsi.illinois.edu/content/courses/programs/description.cfm?course_id=1575



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Questions and Answers

We thank you for your time!

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