

PREVENTING SCHOOL VIOLENCE: PREVENTION STRATEGIES TO PROTECT THE K-12 COMMUNITY

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AGENDA

- **K-12 RISKS & THREAT ENVIRONMENTS**
- **SCHOOLSAFETY.GOV TOOLS AND RESOURCES**
- **MAXIMIZING BYSTANDER REPORTING TO PREVENT VIOLENCE**
- **IMPROVING SCHOOL PHYSICAL SECURITY**
- **Q&A**



OUR SCHOOL SAFETY PERSPECTIVE

OVERVIEW

THE CISA SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE (SSTF) WAS ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN STRENGTHENING THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 (K-12) SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE SSTF'S WORK CENTERS AROUND BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF K-12 SCHOOL SAFETY COMMUNITY AND ADMINISTERING THE **FEDERAL SCHOOL SAFETY CLEARINGHOUSE** AND **SCHOOLSAFETY.GOV**

SCHOOL SAFETY ISSUE AREAS

- > BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING
- > CHILD EXPLOITATION
- > CYBERSECURITY
- > EMERGENCY PLANNING
- > INFECTIOUS DISEASE & PUBLIC HEALTH
- > MENTAL HEALTH
- > PHYSICAL SECURITY
- > SCHOOL CLIMATE
- > TARGETED VIOLENCE
- > TREAT ASSESSMENT & REPORTING



MISSION

THE SSTF ENHANCES THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF SCHOOLS BY:



FOSTERING CHANGE THROUGH OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT, AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS



FACILITATING ACTION BY CREATING, COORDINATING, AND DISSEMINATING RESOURCES, PRODUCTS, AND TOOLS TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS IN IMPLEMENTING AND STRENGTHENING THEIR PHYSICAL SECURITY POSTURES



EQUIPPING STAKEHOLDERS WITH TRAINING AND EXPERTISE TO APPLY RECOGNIZED BEST PRACTICES IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES, VENUES, AND SCHOOLS































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K-12 SCHOOL SAFETY RISK & THREAT ENVIRONMENT TRENDS

CISA SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE

WHAT TEACHERS ARE SAYING...

	1 ST MOST COMMON	2 ND MOST COMMON	3 RD MOST COMMON	4 TH MOST COMMON	5 TH MOST COMMON	6 TH MOST COMMON	7 TH MOST COMMON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS	 57% Bullying	 10% Teacher Attacks	 8% Fights	 7% Self-Harm	 7% Other Crimes	 6% Active Shooter	 3% Drugs
MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS	 58% Bullying	 17% Fights	 8% Self-Harm	 7% Drugs	 4% Active Shooter	 3% Other Crimes	 2% Teacher Attack
HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS	 31% Bullying	 25% Drugs	 17% Fights	 13% Self-Harm	 4% Other Crimes	 4% Active Shooter	 3% Teacher Attacks
ALL LEVELS TEACHERS	 49% Bullying	 12% Fights	 11% Drugs	 10% Self-Harm	 6% Teacher Attacks	 5% Other Crimes	 5% Active Shooter

WHAT THE THREAT DATA IS SAYING...



TARGETED VIOLENCE

77% PERCENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECORDED ONE OR MORE INCIDENTS OF CRIME, AMOUNTING TO 1.4 MILLION INCIDENTS. A RATE OF 29 INCIDENTS PER 1,000 STUDENTS.¹



CYBERSECURITY THREATS

MALICIOUS CYBER ACTORS ARE TARGETING SCHOOL COMPUTER SYSTEMS, DISRUPTING ACCESS, AND RENDERING THE SYSTEMS UNABLE TO PERFORM BASIC FUNCTIONS.²



HOAX CALLS & SWATTING

FROM SEPTEMBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2022 K-12 SCHOOLS REPORTED NEARLY 200 SWATTING AND HOAX INCIDENTS IN 28 STATES³



MENTAL HEALTH

44% OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS REPORTED THEY PERSISTENTLY FELT SAD OR HOPELESS DURING THE PAST YEAR.⁴



ANIMATING GRIEVANCES

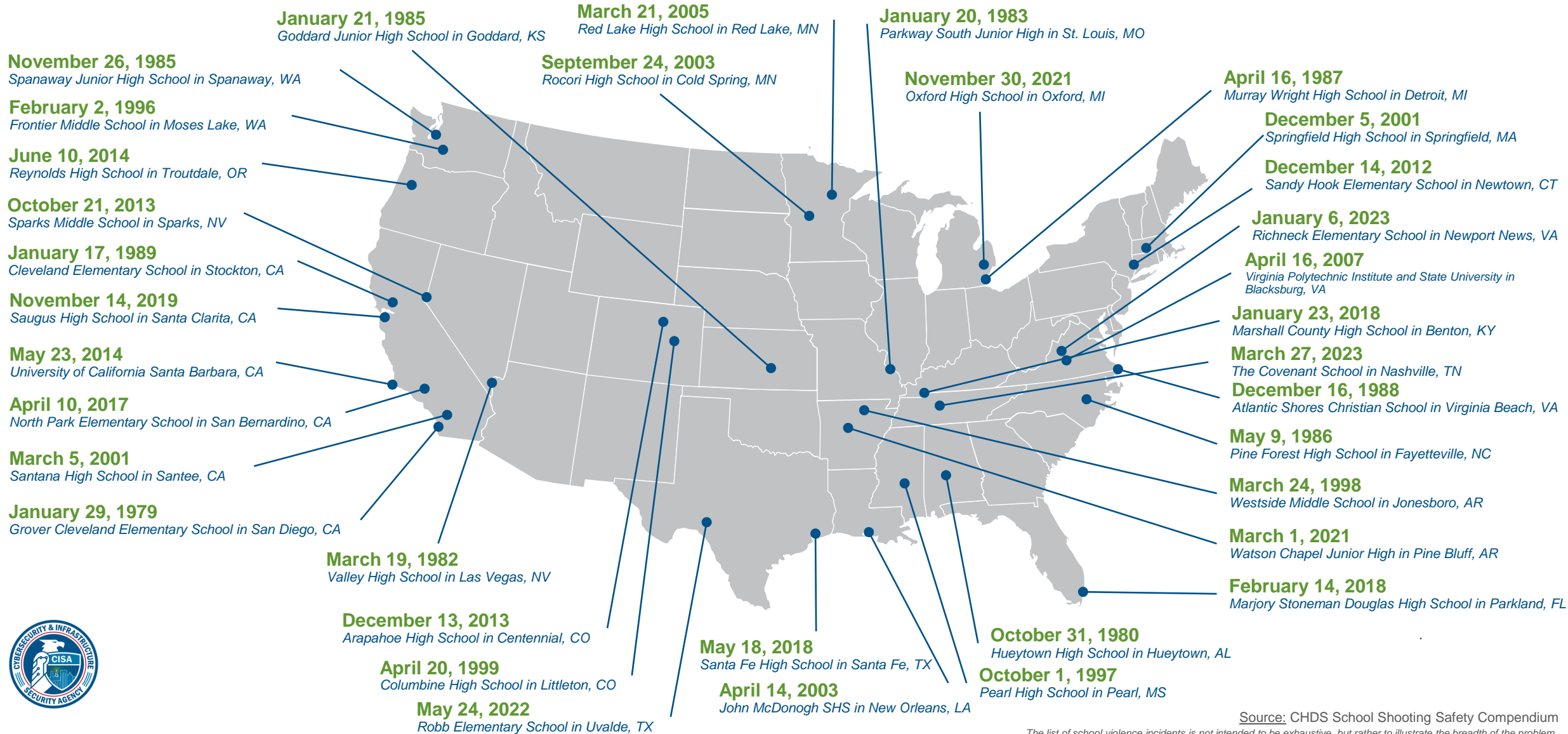
LONE OFFENDERS' AND GROUPS MOTIVATED BY A RANGE OF IDEOLOGICAL AND/OR PERSONAL GRIEVANCES CONTINUE TO POSE A PERSISTENT THREAT TO SCHOOLS.⁵



Sources:

¹ DoE National Center of Educational Statistics, 2021. ² CISA Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Orgs. from, Cybersecurity Threats, 2023. ³ National Public Radio, 2022. ⁴ Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2022. ⁵ DHS NTAS Advisory Notice, 2023.

HISTORY OF SCHOOL VIOLENCE



Source: CHDS School Shooting Safety Compendium

The list of school violence incidents is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather to illustrate the breadth of the problem.



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FEDERAL SCHOOL SAFETY CLEARINGHOUSE

Federal and State Resources, Guidance, and
Tools to Create Safety School Environments

SAFETY TOPICS



BULLYING & CYBERBULLYING



CHILD EXPLOITATION



CYBERSECURITY



EMERGENCY PLANNING



INFECTIOUS DISEASES & PUBLIC HEALTH



MENTAL HEALTH



SCHOOL CLIMATE



TARGETED VIOLENCE



THREAT ASSESSMENT & REPORTING

KEY TOOLS & FEATURES



SAFETY READINESS TOOL



STATE SEARCH TOOL



RESOURCE LIBRARY



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



GRANTS FINDER TOOL



K-12 COMMUNITY BULLETIN



COMMUNICATIONS CENTER



BTAM RESOURCES

IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS THREATENING OR CONCERNING BEHAVIORS BEFORE THEY LEAD TO VIOLENCE.

50+ BTAM RESOURCES AVAILABLE



FORM A MULTIDISCIPLINARY THREAT ASSESSMENT TEAM



PROVIDE TRAINING TO TEAM MEMBERS



CREATE A PLAN



COMMUNICATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS



ASSESS OUTCOMES



GRANTS FINDER TOOL

HELPS MEMBERS OF THE K-12 SCHOOL COMMUNITY MORE EASILY FIND, APPLY FOR, AND ULTIMATELY RECEIVE SCHOOL SAFETY-RELATED FEDERAL FUNDING.



SAFETY TOPIC



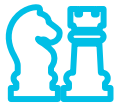
RELEASE & DEADLINES



AWARD AMOUNT



LEVEL OF EFFORT NEEDED



TYPE OF GRANT



FUNDING AGENCY



APPLICABLE AUDIENCES



ALERTS & NOTIFICATIONS

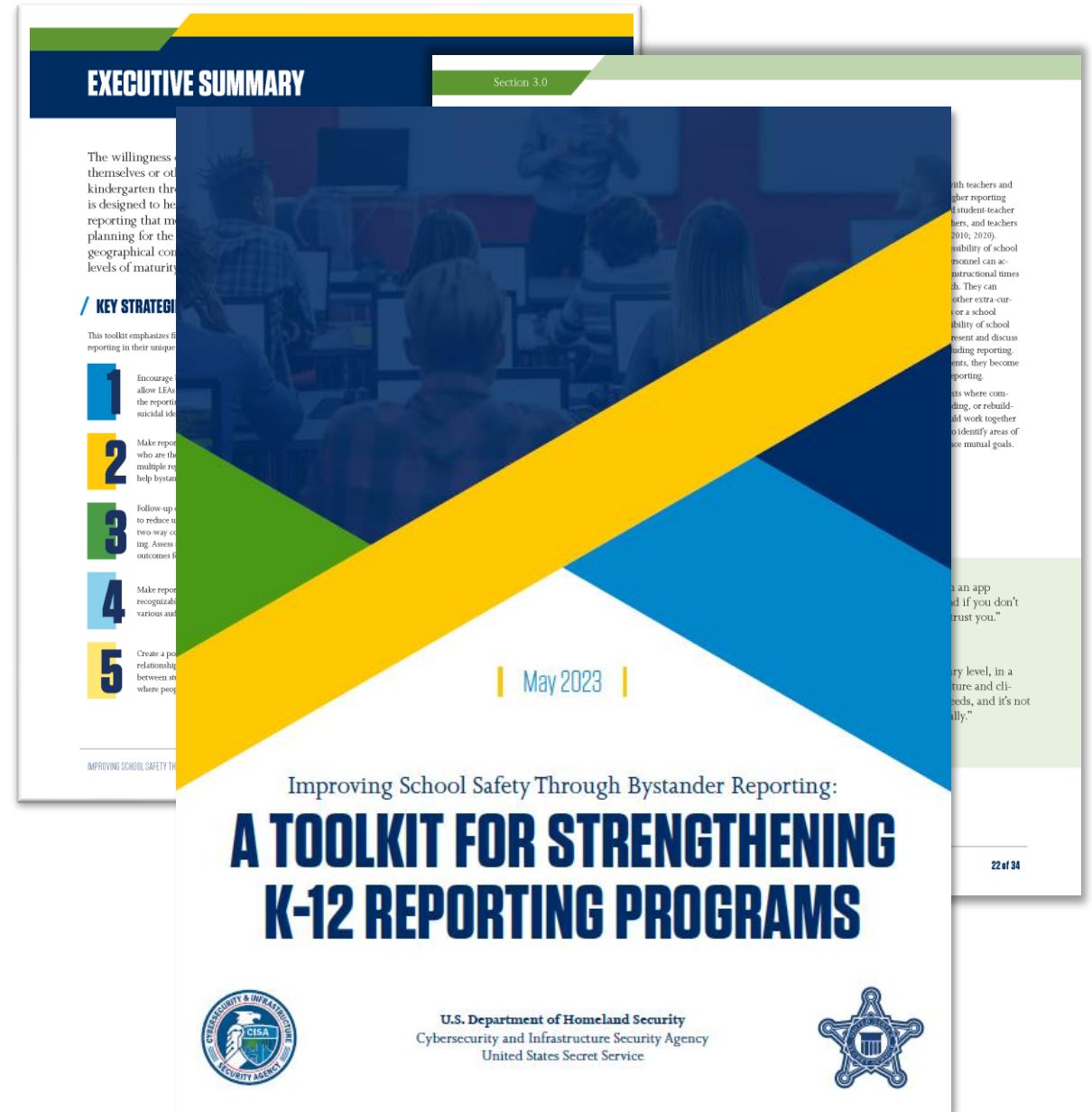




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IMPORTANCE OF EARLY IDENTIFICATION

THE FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO YOUTH VIOLENCE ARE COMPLEX AND FAR-RANGING, BUT RESEARCH SHOWS THAT **EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF THREATENING OR CONCERNING BEHAVIORS AND INTERVENTION REDUCES VIOLENCE.**



DURING THE 2019–2020 SCHOOL YEAR, **80 PERCENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS** RECORDED THAT ONE OR MORE INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE, THEFT, OR OTHER CRIMES HAD TAKEN PLACE, AMOUNTING TO **1.4 MILLION INCIDENTS.**



IN 2020, STUDENTS AGES 12–18 EXPERIENCED **285,400 VICTIMIZATIONS AT SCHOOL**, TRANSLATING TO A RATE OF 11.2 VICTIMIZATIONS PER 1,000 STUDENTS AT SCHOOL.



Source: Behavioral Approach to Violence Prevention 2.0 | Homeland Security (dhs.gov)

Source: Fast Facts: School crime (49) (ed.gov)



Behaviors that may indicate: ■ Concern ■ Heightened Concern ■ Imminent Concern

THE REPORTING & PREVENTION CONTINUUM



LOCALIZING REPORTING PROGRAMS

ATTRIBUTION

WILL THE PROGRAM ACCEPT ANONYMOUS AND/OR CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS?

ACCESSIBILITY

WHAT TYPES OF REPORTING MODES AND TECHNOLOGIES WILL BE OFFERED?

AVAILABILITY

WHEN WILL STAFF BE AVAILABLE TO FIELD AND TRIAGE REPORTS?

TRAINING & OUTREACH

HOW WILL SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEMBERS LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND THEIR INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES?

REPORT INTAKE & INITIAL PRIORITIZATION

WHO WILL MAKE AN INITIAL DETERMINATION OF PRIORITY?
WHO WILL FORWARD TO APPROPRIATE SCHOOL STAFF OR OUTSIDE SERVICES? WHO WILL FOLLOW-UP, IF NEEDED?

RESPONDING TO REPORTING

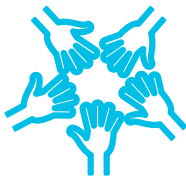
WHO WILL ASSESS INFORMATION RECEIVED?
WHO WILL MANAGE ANY IDENTIFIED CONCERNS?

STRENGTHEN REPORTING

SECTION 1.0



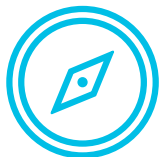
ENCOURAGE BYSTANDER REPORTING



ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY



EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY



MAKE REPORTING A PART OF DAILY SCHOOL LIFE



POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE

[LINK: CISA.GOV/RESOURCES-TOOLS/RESOURCES/K-12-BYSTANDER-REPORTING-TOOLKIT](https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/resources/k-12-bystander-reporting-toolkit)

SECTION 2.0



CUSTOMIZING REPORTING SYSTEMS TO YOUR ENVIRONMENT

SECTION 3.0



STRATEGIES TO STRENGTHEN YOUR SCHOOL'S REPORTING

SECTION 4.0

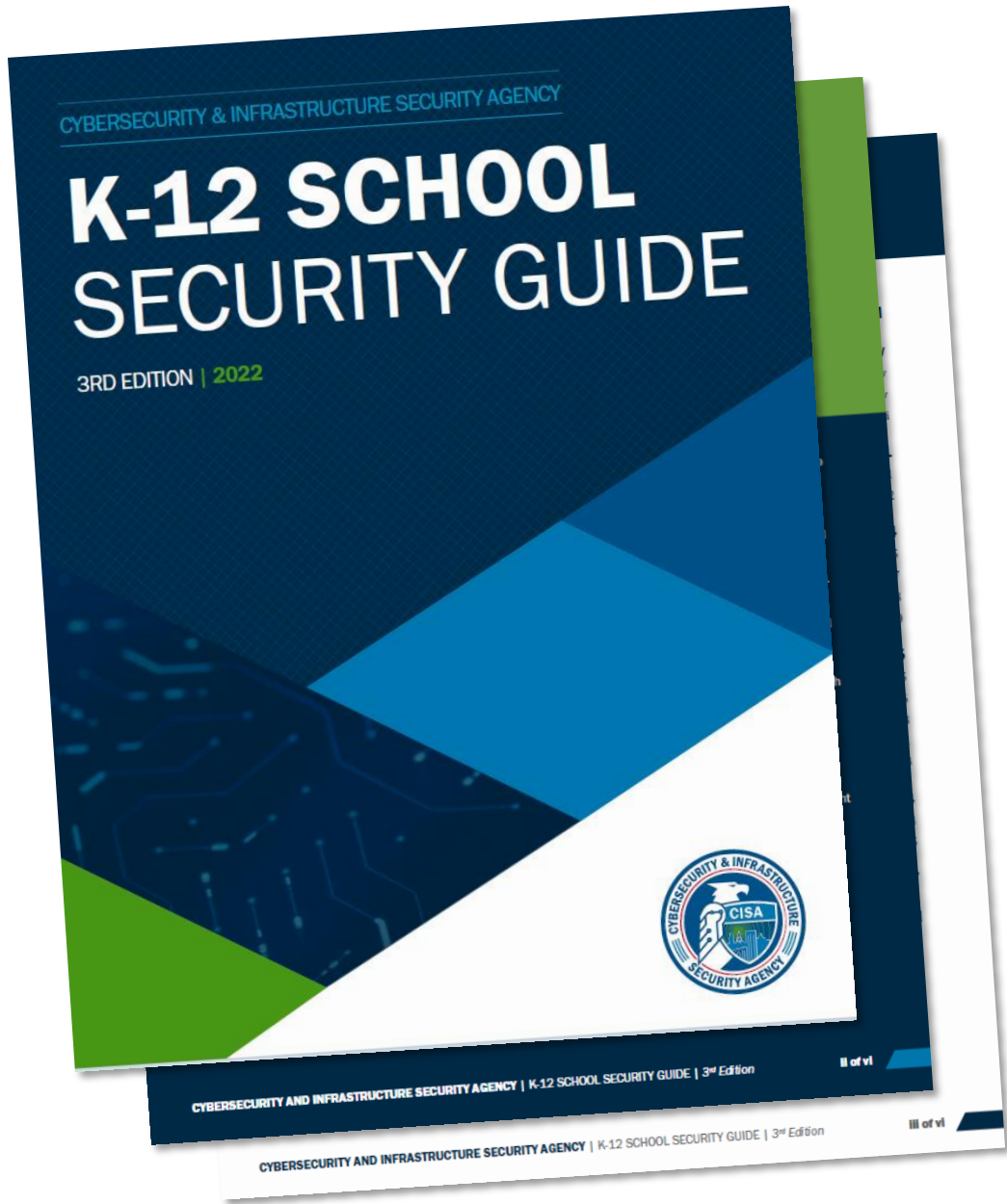


RESOURCES FOR YOUR SCHOOL TO TAKE ACTION

WORKSHEETS



IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS FOR YOUR SCHOOL



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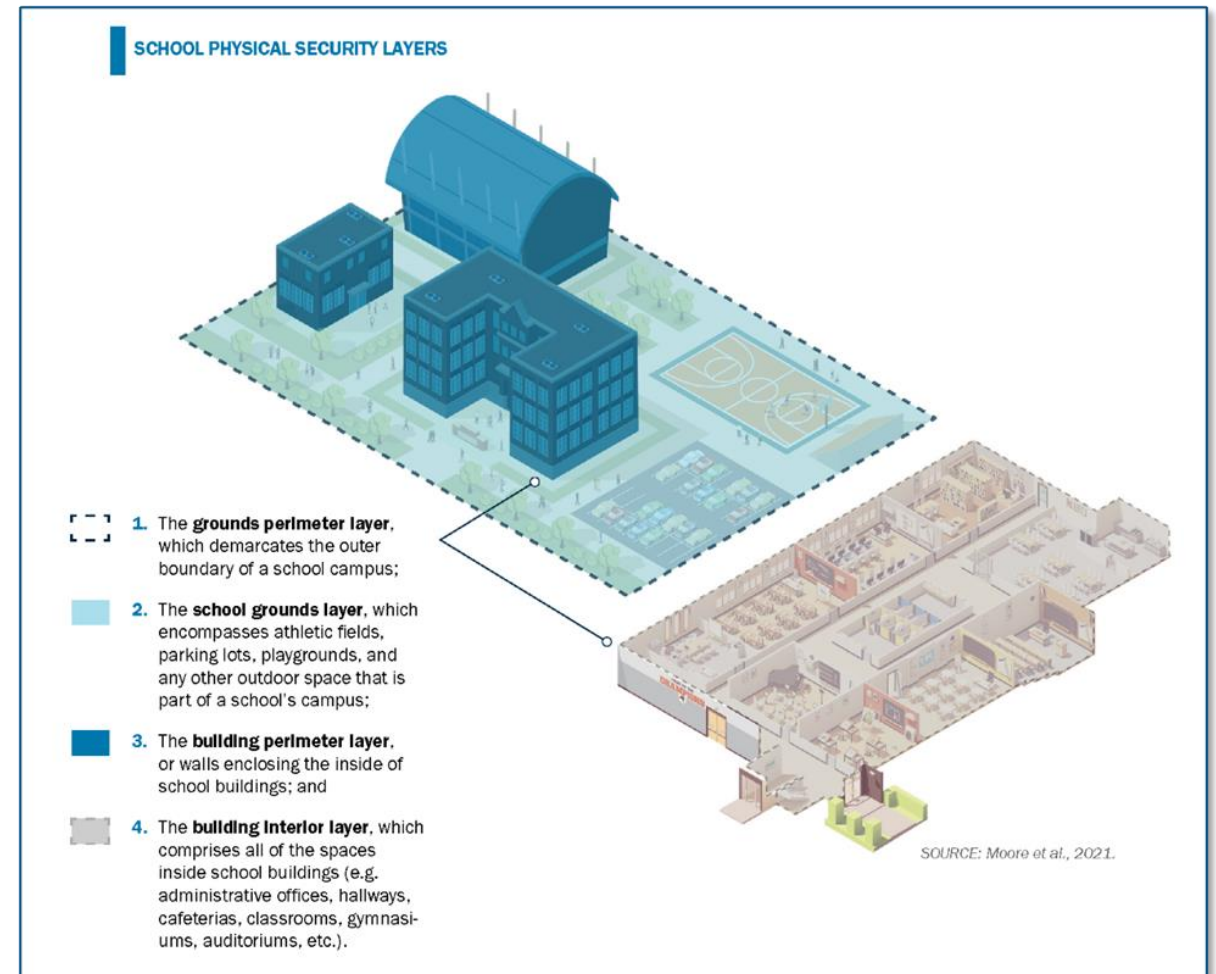
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K-12 SCHOOL SECURITY GUIDE

PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE DOCTRINE AND SYSTEMS-BASED METHODOLOGY TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS IN CONDUCTING VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS AND PLANNING TO IMPLEMENT **LAYERED PHYSICAL SECURITY ELEMENTS** ACROSS K-12 DISTRICTS AND CAMPUSES.

- ENHANCE UNDERSTANDING OF A SYSTEMS-BASED APPROACH TO LAYERED PHYSICAL SECURITY
- EXPLAIN THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SECURITY SYSTEM
- DESCRIBE COMMON CHALLENGES SCHOOLS FACE IN PLANNING OR MAKING IMPROVEMENTS



SCHOOL SECURITY ASSESSMENT TOOL



KEY FEATURES:

- > HIGHLY PORTABLE
- > SIMPLE IN LANGUAGE & DESIGN
- > CONSIDERS TRADE-OFFS
- > ENHANCES CURRENT STATE
- > PRIORITIZED RESULTS
- > RECOMMENDS NEXT ACTIONS

TRAINING SUPPORTS



GENERAL USER COURSE

DEVELOP A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT PHYSICAL SECURITY LOOKS LIKE IN K-12 SCHOOLS.



TRAIN THE TRAINER COURSE

CREATED ADVISING SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON ISSUES RELATED TO SAFETY AND SECURITY.



PRODUCT SUITE SUMMARY



K-12 SCHOOL SECURITY GUIDE, 3RD EDITION



SCHOOL SECURITY ASSESSMENT TOOL (SSAT)



VIDEO: SSAT “HOW-TO” VIDEO



VIRTUAL TRAINING: GENERAL USER



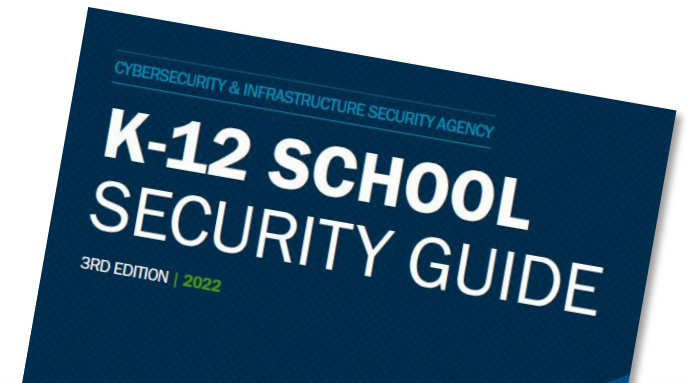
VIRTUAL TRAINING: TRAIN THE TRAINER



K-12 GUIDE USER GUIDE



K-12 GUIDE TECHNICAL APPENDIX





QUESTION & ANSWER
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RESOURCES & REFERENCES

CISA

- [K-12 School Security Guide Product Suite](#)
- [National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security](#)
- [Active Shooter Preparedness: School Security and Resilience](#)
- [Protecting our Future: Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Organizations from Cybersecurity Threats](#)
- [Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Toolkit](#)
- [Bombing Prevention Resources and Trainings](#)
- [Securing Mass Gathering Resources](#)
- [De-Escalation of Violence Resources](#)
- [Tabletop Exercise Packages](#)
- [Protective Security Advisors \(PSA\)](#)

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- [Grants Finder Tool](#)
- [Safety Readiness Tool](#)
- [State Information Sharing Tool](#)
- [Resource Library](#)
- [Calendar of Events](#)
- [Informational Webinar Series](#)
- [Monthly School Safety Community Bulletin](#)
- [Communication Center](#)

DHS

- [NTAS Bulletin](#)
- [CP3: Prevention Resources](#)
- [If You See Something, Say Something](#)

USSS NTAC

- [Mass Attacks in Public Spaces: 2016-2020](#)
- [Averting Targeted School Violence: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Plots Against Schools](#)
- [Protecting America's Schools: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Targeted School Violence](#)
- [Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence](#)

