




St. Elizabeth Region School Safety Information

General Parent Information:

- Communication, cooperation, and understanding are crucial in any emergency situation. We know and respect that your children are precious and we will do all we can to provide the safest learning environment at all times.
- **If an emergency situation arises, we will:**
 - Share information through Option C and/or Mr. Matt Kerr, Chief Spokesperson for the Allentown Diocese.
 - Follow processes and procedures that will provide safety to students and staff.
 - Keep students informed, as appropriate per grade level, so they are aware of the situation.
 - If releasing students, set a designated area for you to report for student pick-up.
 - Only sign students out with a parent, guardian or those people specifically listed as emergency contacts for your child.
 - Provide directions to off-site locations if evacuated off school grounds.
 - Provide an appropriate environment and supervision if under a long-term shelter in-place situation.
- **We ask parents/guardians/emergency contact persons to:**
 - Provide emergency contact numbers and ensure that they are up-to-date and on file in the school.
 - Speak with your child often about safety and preparedness. We thank you for your attention and cooperation as we strive to provide the safest learning environment for your child.
 - Talk to your child and have a plan in place, if needed, in case of an emergency during school hours.
 - If your plan includes giving permission for your child to be picked up by a person other than yourself, this person's contact information **MUST** be listed on the student's Emergency Form.
 - Have personal identification to verify who you are when requested.
- **Parent Reminders:**
 - Do not panic.
 - Refrain from calling your child. Depending on the circumstances, you may be placing them in danger of being detected by a ringing phone.
 - Reinforce with your children that during an emergency situation, it is important to follow the directions of the staff and make informed decisions.

- Please - Wait for communication from the school about the situation. Do not call 911, the school, or attempt to go to the school.
- **Emergency Situations:**
 - St. Elizabeth Regional School is committed to school safety. Unfortunately, our school and others throughout the country may be affected either directly or indirectly by a crisis of some kind at any time. Therefore, it is our goal to be prepared to handle unforeseen circumstances.
 - In an effort to keep our students safe, we run drills regularly throughout the school year. Emergency drills are based on the **Run, Hide, Fight** protocol.
 - **Run, Hide, Fight** is an options-based approach for responding to potentially dangerous situations. The trainings and drills aim to empower students and staff to make critical decisions using building infrastructure and human action to enhance safety and survivability.

 RUN	<p>If there is an accessible escape path, use it.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Move away from the threat as quickly as possible 2. Evacuate regardless if others agree 3. Leave your belongings behind 	R U N
 HIDE	<p>If evacuation is not possible, find a secure place to hide and barricade your space.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lock and secure doors 2. Create barriers to prevent or slow down the threat from getting to you 3. Remain out of sight and quiet - silence your phone 	H I D E
 FIGHT	<p>As a last resort — and only when your life is in imminent danger — attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Incorporate a distraction - throw items and yell loudly 2. Commit to your actions - be aggressive and use improvised weapons 3. Disarm the shooter - solicit help, there is strength in numbers 	F I G H T

Safe2Say Something Program

This program, mandated under Pennsylvania Act 44 to be implemented in all school districts in January 2019, teaches students and staff how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others. Further, it educates them to SAY SOMETHING to a trusted adult OR to use the Safe2Say anonymous reporting system. All of our students in grades 6-7-8 are required to view a Safe2Say state-created power point presentation, which educates them on how to use the Safe2Say app.

What does the Safe2Say program educate participants to do?

- Recognize the signs and signals of at-risk behaviors – especially within social media.
- Take every sign and signal seriously and to act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult OR by reporting it anonymously through the Safe2Say reporting system.
- Respond to and manage the submitted tip via a school-based multi-disciplinary educator/administrator team.

How can someone report an anonymous tip through the Safe2Say reporting system?


Adults and youth are able to report tips anonymously through the Office of Attorney General's 24/7 Crisis Center (1-844-SAF2SAY), through a mobile app (apple and android), or through Pennsylvania's Safe2Say Something website www.safe2saypa.org.



SEE IT. REPORT IT.

  **MOBILE APP**

 **1-844-SAF2SAY**

 **SAFE2SAYPA.ORG**

Run Hide Fight

CHOICES

Preparing for Danger



Run, Hide, Fight gives everyone
choices on how to respond to danger

If you hear the PA system on, you

LISTEN!!!!!!

Use your eyes, ears, nose and listen to
your teacher.

Run

If you sense danger, run and look for a trusted adult. If you can't find an adult run away from danger.

- Where can we run to?
- DO NOT worry about your things.
- If you see Police follow their instructions.



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Hide

- Help your teacher block doors
- Close and block windows
- Turn off lights.
- Stay silent and out of sight.
Try not to huddle.
- Do not let anyone in.
- Be ready to yell and throw things in order to fight back.



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Fight

- Yell, scream - Disrupt!!
- Throw things at dangerous person.
- Try to run away from danger.



Run Hide Fight

OPTIONS

Preparing for a Man-Made Disaster



Run, Hide, Fight is an option based approach for responding to a violent critical incident.

The training that follows aims to empower students and staff to utilize existing **building infrastructure** and **human actions** to enhance safety and survivability. If you hear the PA system on, you LISTEN!!!!!!

Important Note

There may or may not be someone on the PA system. Depending on the situation, there could be a person guiding them as to where the violent incident is occurring. There could be a situation where there isn't anyone on the PA system (violent incident starts in the main office). In that case, they should follow their Run Hide Fight training and make the best decision available.

Run

If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises, **BE SURE TO:**

- Have an escape plan (know where the exits are and have a backup plan).
- Leave regardless what others do.
- Communicate to others to stay away from the area.
- **DO NOT** gather belongings.
- If you are encountered by Police follow their instructions



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Hide

- Lock and barricade doors / windows and turn off lights.
- Stay silent and out of sight. Try not to huddle.
- Consider escape routes i.e window.
- Do not let anyone in under any circumstances.
- Simultaneously, prepare to fight back.



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Hide

- Survey your room now.
- Have certain items readily accessible.
- Make room as inaccessible as possible.
- Delegate - Empower others with you to help.



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Fight

As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to distract, disrupt, disarm/incapacitate.

- Act with sudden, aggressive and violent action.
- Yell, scream - Disrupt!!
- Remain engaged.
- Arm yourself with objects to throw or use.
- Swarm - group attack.

