

LEA and School Safety Planning Overview



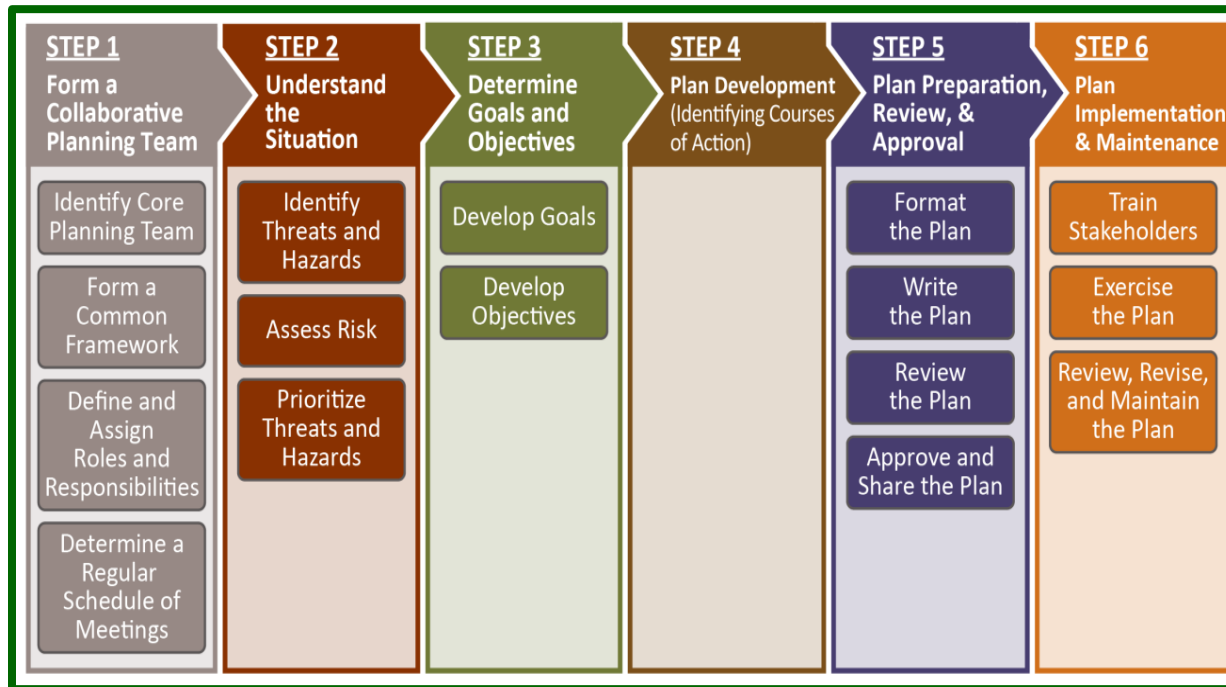
RCW 28A.320.125 requires schools and school districts to have individual, comprehensive safe school plans.

School safety supports student learning by creating and promoting a physically, emotionally, socially, and academically secure climate for students, staff, and visitors.

5 Safety Preparedness Mission Areas

- **Prevention** - to avoid, deter, or stop the kinds of threats or hazards noted above.
- **Protection** - to secure schools against such threats or hazards.
- **Mitigation** - to eliminate or reduce damage by lessening the impact of an incident.
- **Response** - to stabilize an incident or emergency once it has happened or is certain to happen.
- **Recovery** - to assist affected schools in restoring the learning environment.

6 Step Planning Process



School Safety Center

<http://www.k12.wa.us/SafetyCenter>

Potential District/School Threat and Hazard Areas

Natural Hazards	Technological Hazards	Biological Hazards	Adversarial, Incidental, or Human-caused Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Earthquakes ➤ Tornadoes ➤ Lightning ➤ Severe wind ➤ Hurricanes ➤ Floods ➤ Wildfires ➤ Extreme temperatures ➤ Landslides or mudslides ➤ Tsunamis ➤ Volcanic eruptions/ Lahar flows ➤ Winter or other precipitation ➤ _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Explosions or accidental release of toxins from industrial plants ➤ Accidental release of hazardous materials from within the school, such as gas leaks or laboratory spills ➤ Hazardous materials releases from major highways or railroads ➤ Radiological releases from nuclear power stations ➤ Dam failure ➤ Power failure ➤ Water failure ➤ _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Infectious diseases, such as pandemic influenza, extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis, <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>, and meningitis ➤ Contaminated food outbreaks, including Salmonella, botulism, and <i>E. coli</i> ➤ Toxic materials present in school laboratories/ HVAC ➤ _____ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fire ➤ Active shooters ➤ Criminal threats or actions ➤ Bomb threats ➤ Domestic violence/abuse ➤ Suicide ➤ Harassment, Intimidation, or ➤ Bullying/Cyberbullying ➤ Threats based on gender identity ➤ Trafficking / CSEC ➤ Cyber attacks ➤ Gang violence ➤ Terrorism ➤ _____

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Glossary:

Terms Used in Developing Emergency Operations/Safety Plans

Annexes (Functional): The (**APPENDIX**) section of a plan that details the goals, objectives, and courses of action related to functions (e.g., evacuation, communications, recovery) that apply across multiple threats and/or hazards. These set forth how the district or school will manage a function before, during, and after an emergency.

Annexes (Threat- and Hazard-Specific): The (**APPENDIX**) section of a plan that specifies the goals, objectives, and courses of action that a district or school will follow to address a particular type of threat or hazard (e.g., hurricane, *active shooter*). These set forth how the district or school will manage a threat or hazard before, during, and after an emergency.

Basic Plan: The section of the EOP that provides an overview of the district's or school's approach to operations before, during, and after an emergency. This section addresses the overarching activities the district or school will undertake regardless of the function, threat, or hazard.

Community Organizations: Those entities within the community that can support emergency management for schools (e.g., Red Cross, Boys & Girls Club, faith-based organizations).

Community Partners: Those with a responsibility in school emergency management, including local government, first responders (law enforcement officers, fire officials, and emergency medical services personnel), as well as public and mental health entities.

Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP): That portion of a district EOP which provides for the continuity of essential services during an emergency and its immediate aftermath up to 30 days.

Courses of Action: The what, who, when, where, why, and how for each threat, hazard, and function within an EOP.

District Plan: A local education agency (LEA) or school district EOP.

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP): A **safety** plan that specifies procedures sites must follow before, during, and after potential emergency events, and in response to both threats and hazards.

Goals: Broad, general statements that indicate a desired outcome in response to the threat or hazard identified within an EOP.

Hazards: Potential dangerous events which include natural disasters, disease outbreaks, and accidents.

Incident Command System (ICS): A standardized approach for incident management, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity.

Mitigation: The capabilities necessary to eliminate or reduce the loss of life and property damage by lessening the impact of an event or emergency; and, reducing the likelihood that threats and hazards will happen.

Objectives: Specific, measurable actions that are necessary to achieve the goal(s) identified within an EOP.

Prevention: The capabilities necessary, and the actions taken, to avoid, deter, or stop an imminent crime or threatened or actual mass casualty incident.

Protection: The capabilities, and ongoing actions, to secure districts and schools (including students, teachers, staff, visitors, networks, and property) against acts of violence and manmade or natural disasters.

RCW: The Revised Code of Washington; the laws which districts and schools must follow.

Recovery: The capabilities necessary to assist schools within the district (and the district overall) affected by an event or emergency in restoring the learning environment.

Response: The capabilities necessary to stabilize an emergency once it has already happened or is certain to happen in an unpreventable way; establish a safe and secure environment; save lives and property; and facilitate the transition to recovery.

Safety Plan: See: emergency Operations Plan

School: A school building or campus.

School District: A local education agency (LEA).

School Plan: A school building or campus **safety / EOP.**

Threats: Potentially dangerous events which are human-caused such as crime and violence.

