

# School Security Drills

The Hazlet Township School District works closely with the Hazlet Police Department and emergency responders by updating safety and security plans and procedures for drilling, managing and responding to school emergencies.

Hazlet Township School District conducts a minimum of two of each of the following security drills annually:

- Active shooter/lockdown;
- Evacuation (non- fire);
- Bomb threat;
- Shelter in Place

## DEFINITIONS

**Lockdown drills** are means of practicing preparedness in school in the event of an intruder or active shooter. Generally an announcement is given that the school building is going on an immediate **lockdown**. At that point, all students and staff at the time of the **drill** go to a room and lock all doors and windows tight. Students and staff are away from the door out of sight from any intruder.

### Shelter-in-place

The **Shelter-In-Place** plan protects students and staff in the event of potential exposure to a dangerous chemical that could be released through:

- A break in a natural gas pipeline
- Materials transported through our community
- A terrorist attack
- Imminent danger outside of the school

All students and staff at the time of the shelter in place remain in their classroom and teaching and learning is not interrupted; however all exterior doors are locked and no one will be permitted to leave or enter the school.

**Fire drill** is a method of practicing how a school building would be evacuated in the event of a fire or other emergencies. The school building's existing fire alarm system is activated and the students and staff are evacuated as if the emergency had occurred.

**School Security Drill:** An exercise, other than a fire drill, to practice procedures that respond to an emergency situation including, but not limited to, a non-fire evacuation, lockdown, bomb threat or active shooter situation and that is similar in duration to a fire drill.

**Tabletop Activity:** This activity involves key personnel discussing simulated scenarios in an informal setting. Tabletops are used to assess plans, policies, and procedures.

**Full Scale Exercise:** This is a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional activity involving actual deployment of resources in a coordinated response as if a real incident had occurred. This exercise tests many components of one or more capabilities within emergency response and recovery, and is typically used to assess plans, procedures and coordinated response under crisis conditions.