

## TOOLKIT TWO: ACT

# TOP SAFETY OVERSIGHTS



We've assembled a list of safety oversights that commonly defeat the safety and security measures and plans in schools. Keep these in mind as you develop and improve upon school safety and security in your school community.

### **Building Access**

Most schools are not designed to limit access.

### **Poor Planning**

Many schools are unprepared for a variety of emergencies.

### **Inadequate Practice**

Only with practice can success be achieved.

### **Faulty Equipment**

Doors that don't lock, disabled cameras, inactive intercoms...

### **Complacency**

Unworn ID's, unmonitored visitor check-ins, propped doors, poor key control...

### **Little or No After-hours Security**

Access control is a 24-hour-a-day priority.

### **Lack of Community**

The entire school community (e.g. students, staff, volunteers, local and state PD, FD, EMS, etc.) must be involved in school security.

### **A Checklist Mentality**

School security is not accomplished by checklist alone.

### **No Safety "Go-To"**

No designated personnel to address ongoing and evolving issues.  
Who is your security go-to?

### **Poor Communication**

All community members need to know emergency commands and alerts and how to communicate in an emergency.

### **Poor Coordination**

Individual schools require individualized plans; however, district-wide coordination helps schools better maintain and adjust plans, and take advantage of district-level resources and support.