

# Utah's Comprehensive School Safety Overview

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# Utah School Safety Center

- Spring of 2019, the Utah State Legislature passed House Bill (H.B.) 120: Student and School Safety Assessment and formed the Utah School Safety Center.
- The Utah School Safety Center is a group of professionals from USBE, Utah Department of Public Safety, Utah Office of Substance Use and Mental Health, and SafeUT.



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## Mission

The mission of the Utah School Safety Center is to work collaboratively to provide technical assistance, training, and resources that support Local Education Agencies' commitment to ensuring school safety and improving the climate of school communities.



## Vision

The vision of the Utah School Safety Center is that each student learns in a safe and healthy school environment.



# School Safety Law & Policy (1)

## Key Legislation:

- H.B. 120 (2019) – Student and School Safety Assessment
- H.B. 61 (2023) – School Safety Requirements
- H.B. 140 (2023) – Standard Response Protocol to Active Threats in Schools
- H.B. 84 (2024) – School Safety Amendments
- H.B. 40 (2025) – School Safety Amendments

## Administrative Rules:

- R277-400 – School Safety and Security
- R277-471 – School Construction Oversight, Inspections, Training, and Reporting
- R698-13 – School Safety

# School Safety Law & Policy (2)

- R277-400 – School Safety and Security
  - Definitions
  - Incident Response Method
  - Emergency Preparedness Training for School Occupants
    - Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter protocols
    - Avoid, Deny, Defend, and Aid protocols
    - Reunification method
  - Emergency Recovery Plan
  - School Safety and Security Training Program



# School Safety Law & Policy (3)

## Administrative Rules:

- R277-471 – School Construction Oversight, Inspections, Training, and Reporting
  - Universal Access Key Box
  - Automated External Defibrillators (AED)
- R698-13 – School Safety
  - Limited Entry Points and Windows
  - Video Surveillance and Exterior Cameras
  - Internal Classroom Door Locks
  - Bleed Kits and First Aid Kits
  - Fencing Around Playgrounds
  - Compliance Timeline for Safety and Security Standards



# School Safety and Security Specialists

- H.B. 61 (2023) - School Safety Requirements
- 1,007 School Safety and Security Specialists
- Quarterly Trainings
  - Organizing an After Action Debrief
  - Emergency Recovery Plans
- Up to \$3,000 Stipends

# Questions