PREVENTING SCHOOL VIOLENCE: IMPROVING PHYSICAL SECURITY TO PROTECT THE K-12 COMMUNITY

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AGENDA

- K-12 Risks & Threat Environments
- SchoolSafety.gov Tools and Resources
- Improving School Physical Security
- Encouraging Bystander Reporting

OUR SCHOOL SAFETY PERSPECTIVE

OVERVIEW

The CISA School Safety Task Force (SSTF) was established to support the Federal government's efforts in strengthening the safety and security of kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) schools across the country. The SSTF's work centers around building the capacity of K-12 school safety community and administering the **Federal School Safety Clearinghouse** and **SchoolSafety.gov**

SCHOOL SAFETY ISSUE AREAS

- Bullying and Cyberbullying
- Child Exploitation
- Cybersecurity
- Emergency Planning
- Infectious Disease & Public Health
- Mental Health
- Physical Security
- School Climate
- Targeted Violence
- Treat Assessment & Reporting

MISSION

The SSTF enhances the safety and security of schools by:

Fostering change through outreach, engagement, and educational campaigns

Facilitating action by creating, coordinating, and disseminating resources, products, and tools to support schools in implementing and strengthening their physical security postures

Equipping Stakeholders with training and expertise to apply recognized best practices in the context of their specific communities, venues, and schools

CYBERSECURITY & INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY

PROTECTIVE SECURITY ADVISOR

Critical Infrastructure Protection and Vulnerability Mitigation Expert

Protective Security Advisor Overview

- Foster partnerships with school districts, school boards and local government emergency management
- Provide onsite assist visits to schools to identify all-hazards safety and security vulnerabilities
- Give options for consideration to mitigate identified vulnerabilities
- Provide online or in person school safety training resources
- Threat information sharing to law enforcement and school districts

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K-12 SCHOOL SAFETY RISK & THREAT ENVIRONMENT TRENDS

CISA SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE

WHAT THE THREAT DATA IS SAYING…

TARGETED VIOLENCE

77% PERCENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECORDED ONE OR MORE INCIDENTS OF CRIME, AMOUNTING TO 1.4 MILLION INCIDENTS. A RATE OF 29 INCIDENTS PER 1,000 STUDENTS.[1]

CYBERSECURITY THREATS

MALICIOUS CYBER ACTORS ARE TARGETING SCHOOL COMPUTER SYSTEMS, DISRUPTING ACCESS, AND RENDERING THE SYSTEMS UNABLE TO PERFORM BASIC FUNCTIONS.[2]

HOAX CALLS & SWATTING

FROM SEPTEMBER 2022 TO OCTOBER 2022 K-12 SCHOOLS REPORTED NEARLY 200 SWATTING AND HOAX INCIDENTS IN 28 STATES[3]

MENTAL HEALTH

44% OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS REPORTED THEY PERSISTENTLY FELT SAD OR HOPELESS DURING THE PAST YEAR.[4]

ANIMATING GRIEVANCES

LONE OFFENDERS' AND GROUPS MOTIVATED BY A RANGE OF IDEOLOGICAL AND/OR PERSONAL GRIEVANCES CONTINUE TO POSE A PERSISTENT THREAT TO SCHOOLS.[5]

Sources:
[1] DoE National Center of Educational Statistics, 2021. [2] CISA Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Orgs. from, Cybersecurity Threats, 2023.
[3] National Public Radio, 2022. [4] Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2022. [5] DHS NTAS Advisory Notice, 2023.

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FEDERAL SCHOOL SAFETY CLEARINGHOUSE

Federal and State Resources, Guidance, and
Tools to Create Safe School Environments

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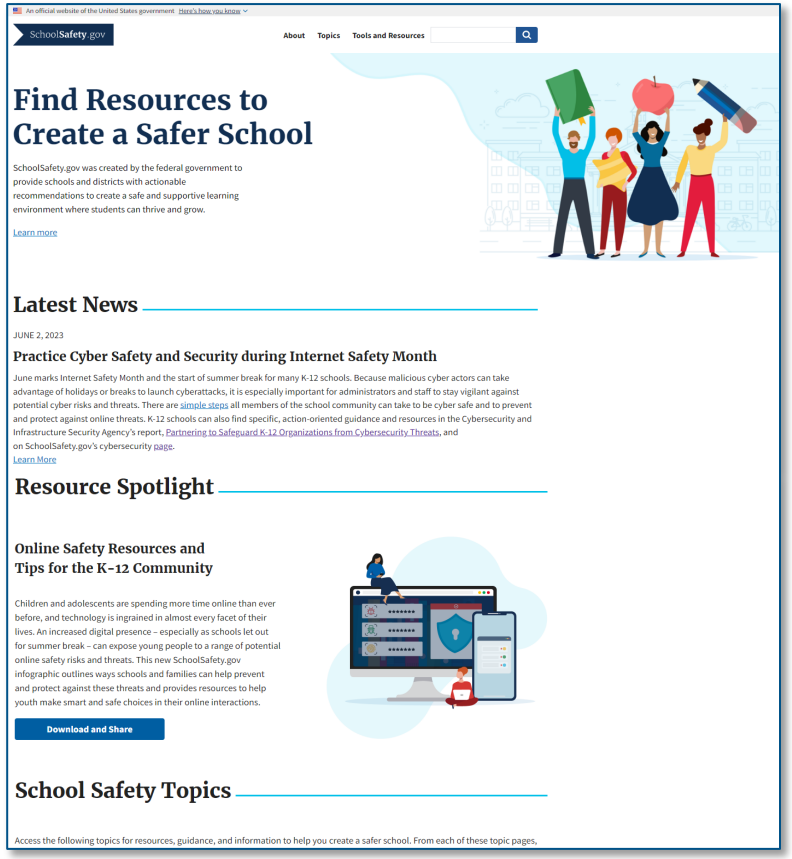
SAFETY TOPICS

- Bullying & Cyberbullying
- Child Exploitation
- Cybersecurity
- Emergency Planning
- Infectious Diseases & Public Health
- Mental Health
- School Climate
- Targeted Violence
- Threat Assessment & Reporting

KEY TOOLS & FEATURES

- Safety Readiness Tool
- State Search Tool
- Resource Library
- Calendar of Events
- Grants Finder Tool
- K-12 Community Bulletin
- Communications Center



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LOOKING TO GET SMART, QUICK?

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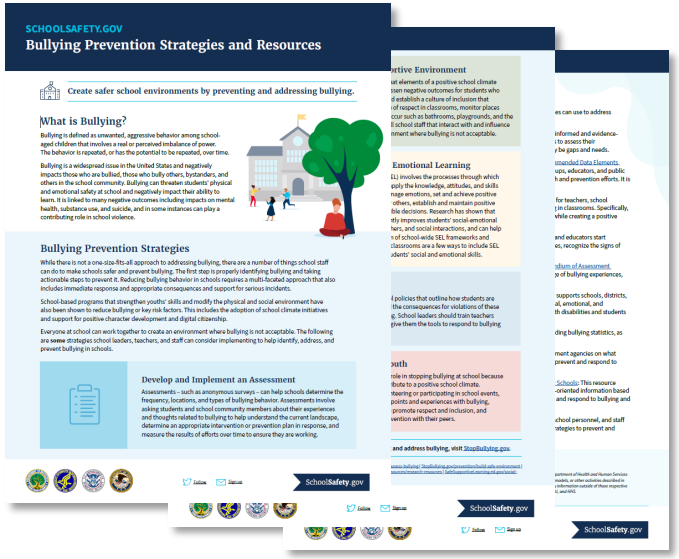
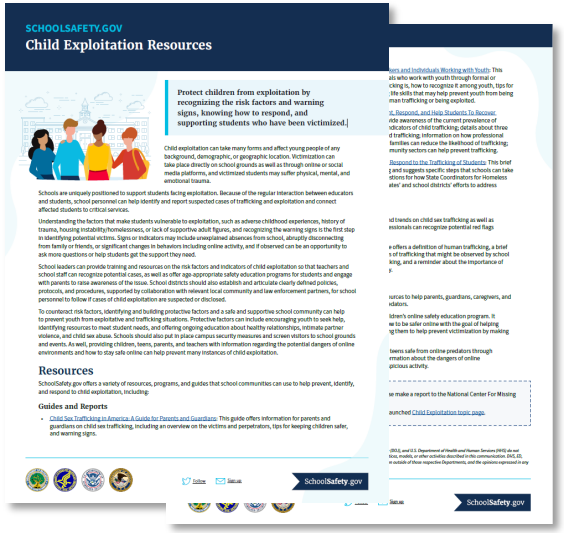
BULLYING PREVENTION



CREATE SAFER SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS BY PREVENTING AND ADDRESSING BULLYING. IN A 2019 SURVEY ABOUT BULLYING, ABOUT 22 PERCENT OF STUDENTS AGES 12-18 REPORTED BEING BULLIED AT SCHOOL.

CHILD EXPLOITATION



PROTECT CHILDREN FROM EXPLOITATION BY RECOGNIZING THE RISK FACTORS AND WARNING SIGNS, KNOWING HOW TO RESPOND, AND SUPPORTING STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED.

ONLINE SAFETY

THROUGH PROMOTING ONLINE SAFETY PRACTICES, IMPROVING DIGITAL LITERACY AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS, SCHOOLS, EDUCATORS, AND PARENTS CAN FOSTER DIGITAL ECOSYSTEMS THAT ARE SAFE AND SECURE FOR STUDENTS.

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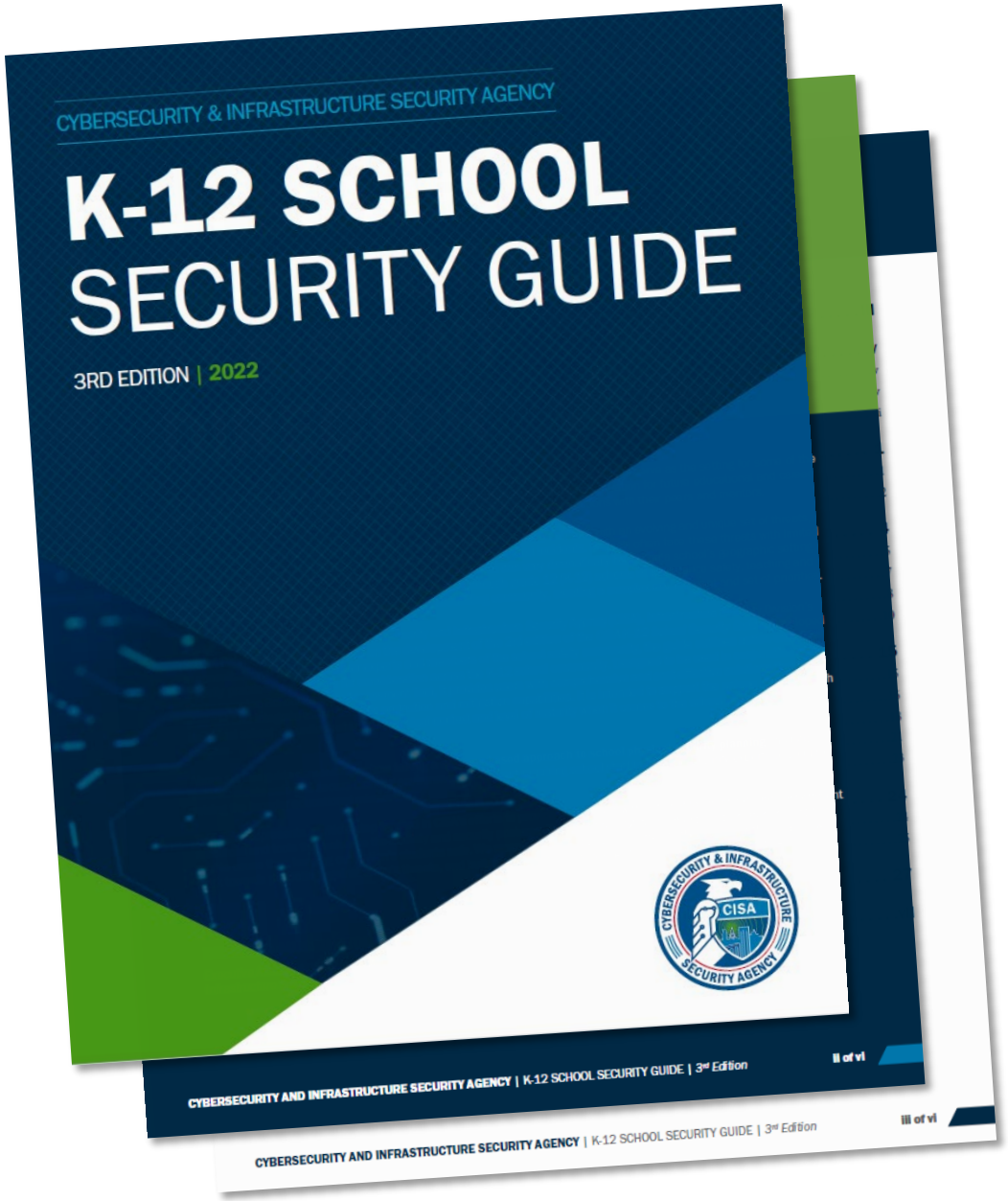

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K-12 SCHOOL SECURITY GUIDE, ASSESSMENT TOOL AND PRODUCT SUITE

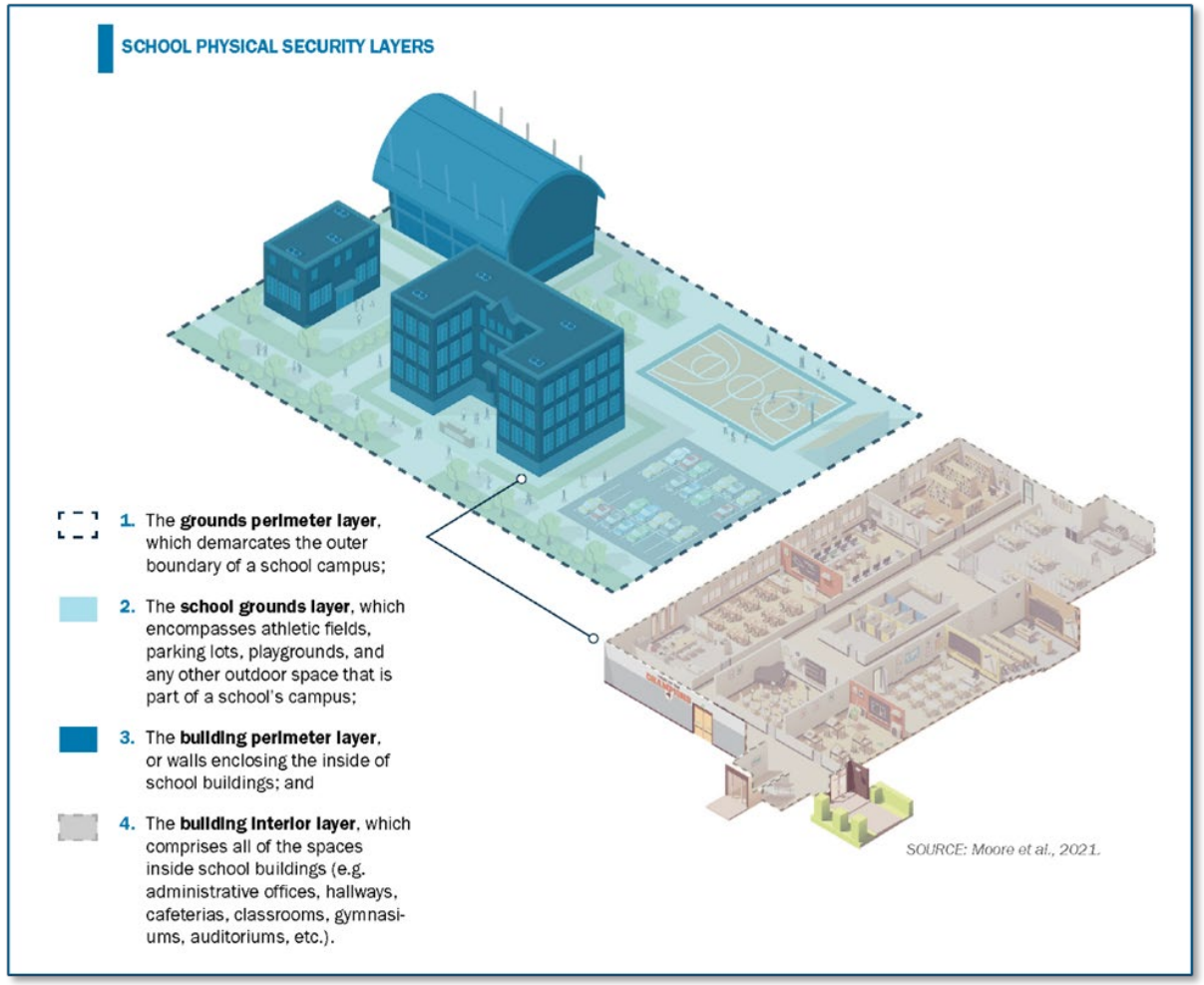
CISA SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE

3rd Edition | 2022

K-12 SCHOOL SECURITY GUIDE

PROVIDES COMPREHENSIVE DOCTRINE AND SYSTEMS-BASED METHODOLOGY TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS IN CONDUCTING VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS AND PLANNING TO IMPLEMENT LAYERED PHYSICAL SECURITY ELEMENTS ACROSS K–12 DISTRICTS AND CAMPUSES.

- ENHANCE UNDERSTANDING OF A SYSTEMS-BASED APPROACH TO LAYERED PHYSICAL SECURITY
- EXPLAIN THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SECURITY SYSTEM
- DESCRIBE COMMON CHALLENGES SCHOOLS FACE IN PLANNING OR MAKING IMPROVEMENTS



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SCHOOL SECURITY ASSESSMENT TOOL

KEY FEATURES:

- Highly Portable
- Simple in Language & Design
- Considers Trade-offs
- Enhances Current State
- Prioritized Results
- Recommends Next Actions

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TRAINING SUPPORTS

GENERAL USER COURSE

DEVELOP A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT PHYSICAL SECURITY LOOKS LIKE IN K-12 SCHOOLS.

TRAIN THE TRAINER COURSE

CREATED ADVISING SCHOOL PERSONNEL ON ISSUES RELATED TO SAFETY AND SECURITY.

LINK: CISA.GOV/K-12-SCHOOL-SECURITY-GUIDE-PRODUCT-SUITE

PRODUCT SUITE SUMMARY

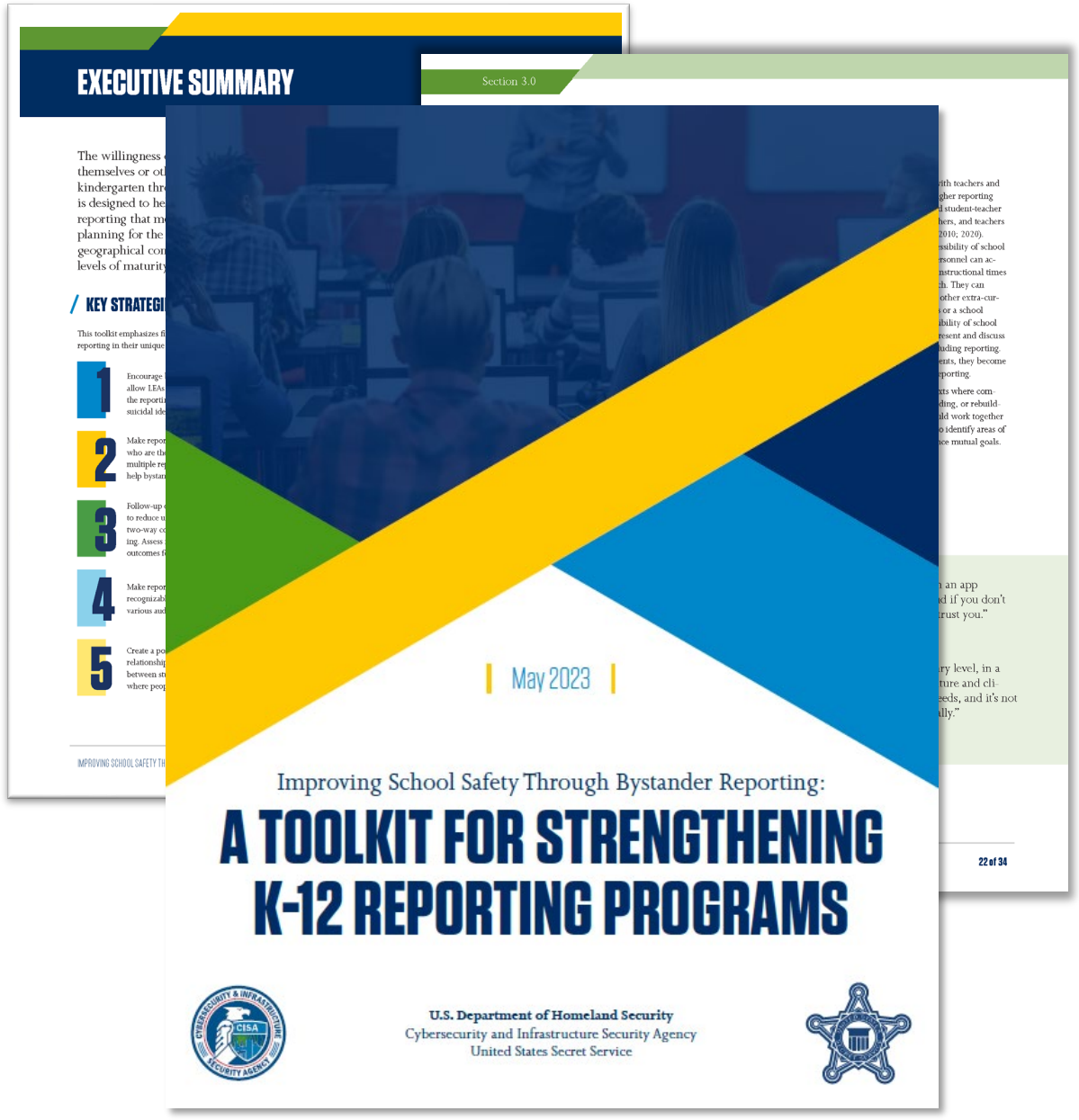
- K-12 School Security Guide, 3rd Edition
- School Security Assessment Tool (SSAT)
- Video: SSAT "How-To" Video
- Virtual Training: General User
- Virtual Training: Train the Trainer
- K-12 Guide User Guide
- K-12 Guide Technical Appendix

LINK: CISA.GOV/K-12-SCHOOL-SECURITY-GUIDE-PRODUCT-SUITE

CISA-USSS K-12 BYSTANDER REPORTING TOOLKIT

SCHOOL SAFETY TASK FORCE (SSTF)
NATIONAL THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER (NTAC)

1st Edition | 2023



IMPORTANCE OF EARLY IDENTIFICATION

THE FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO YOUTH VIOLENCE ARE COMPLEX AND FAR-RANGING, BUT RESEARCH SHOWS THAT EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF THREATENING OR CONCERNING BEHAVIORS AND INTERVENTION REDUCES VIOLENCE.

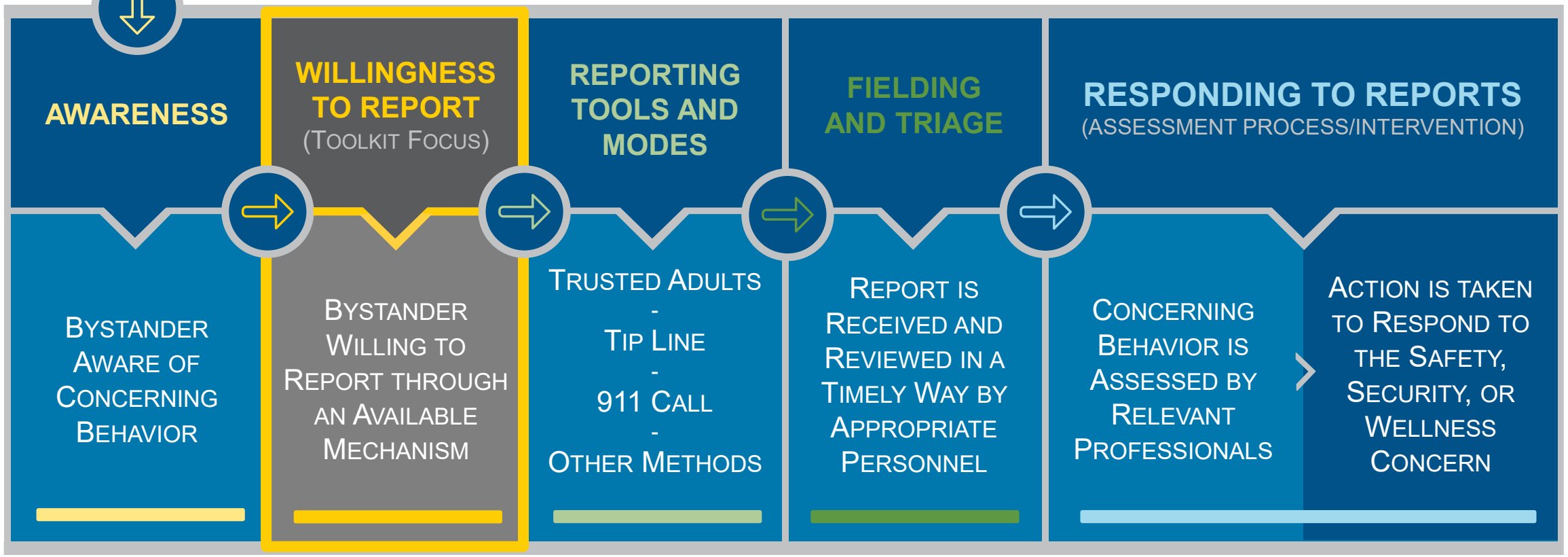
DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC, **80 PERCENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS** RECORDED THAT ONE OR MORE INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE, THEFT, OR OTHER CRIMES HAD TAKEN PLACE, AMOUNTING TO **1.4 MILLION INCIDENTS.**

IN 2020, STUDENTS AGES 12–18 EXPERIENCED **285,400 VICTIMIZATIONS AT SCHOOL**, TRANSLATING TO A RATE OF 11.2 VICTIMIZATIONS PER 1,000 STUDENTS AT SCHOOL.

Source: Behavioral Approach to Violence Prevention 2.0 | Homeland Security (dhs.gov)

THE REPORTING & PREVENTION CONTINUUM

INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIORS CAUSING CONCERN FOR SAFETY, SECURITY, OR WELLNESS



LINK: CISA.GOV/RESOURCES-TOOLS/RESOURCES/K-12-BYSTANDER-REPORTING-TOOLKIT

LOCALIZING REPORTING PROGRAMS

ATTRIBUTION

Will the program accept anonymous and/or confidential reports?

ACCESSIBILITY

What types of reporting modes and technologies will be offered?

AVAILABILITY

When will staff be available to field and triage reports?

TRAINING & OUTREACH

How will school community members learn about the program and their individual responsibilities?

REPORT INTAKE & INITIAL PRIORITIZATION

Who will make an initial determination of priority? Who will forward to appropriate school staff or outside services? Who will follow-up, if needed?

RESPONDING TO REPORTING

Who will assess information received? Who will manage any identified concerns?

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STRENGTHEN REPORTING

SECTION 1.0

ENCOURAGE BYSTANDER REPORTING

ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY

MAKE REPORTING A PART OF DAILY SCHOOL LIFE

POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE

SECTION 2.0

CUSTOMIZING REPORTING SYSTEMS TO YOUR ENVIRONMENT

SECTION 3.0

STRATEGIES TO STRENGTHEN YOUR SCHOOL'S REPORTING

SECTION 4.0

RESOURCES FOR YOUR SCHOOL TO TAKE ACTION

WORKSHEETS

IMPLEMENTATION TOOLS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

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QUESTION & ANSWER

THANK YOU

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Resources & References

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- K-12 School Security Guide Product Suite
- National Summit on K-12 School Safety and Security
- Active Shooter Preparedness: School Security and Resilience
- Protecting our Future: Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Organizations from Cybersecurity Threats
- Partnering to Safeguard K-12 Toolkit
- Bombing Prevention Resources and Trainings
- Securing Mass Gathering Resources
- De-Escalation of Violence Resources
- Tabletop Exercise Packages
- Protective Security Advisors (PSA)

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- Grants Finder Tool
- Safety Readiness Tool
- State Information Sharing Tool
- Resource Library
- Calendar of Events
- Informational Webinar Series
- Monthly School Safety Community Bulletin
- Communication Center

DHS

- NTAS Bulletin
- CP3: Prevention Resources
- If You See Something, Say Something

USSS NTAC

- Mass Attacks in Public Spaces: 2016-2020
- Averting Targeted School Violence: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Plots Against Schools
- Protecting America's Schools: A U.S. Secret Service Analysis of Targeted School Violence
- Enhancing School Safety Using a Threat Assessment Model: An Operational Guide for Preventing Targeted School Violence

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