

## Risk Alert

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### Upcoming Training:

Please join Canfield for a free training workshop on Threat Assessment in Schools.

This training will be offered at six different locations beginning March 5, 2013.

For information regarding location, times, and registration, please click [here](#).

All of us were deeply affected by the tragedy that struck Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. While we grieve the loss of lives in this tragedy, now is the time we must re-visit our efforts to provide a safe environment for our children. While no amount of preparation can prevent random acts of violence, we must do all we can to protect our students from these threats.



There are several steps you can take to make your facilities more secure. Please review the following recommendations designed to make it difficult for people to enter your building unnoticed or unauthorized:

- Ensure all exterior doors are locked, allowing one main door to remain unlocked during school hours.
- Remove all hiding or hidden access points around the building to eliminate unsupervised access.
- Review lockdown procedures and emergency preparedness plan to identify and resolve deficiencies.
- Staff must be trained to recognize and report suspicious people or activities inside the building, outside the school also before, during and after class time.
- Have a rigorous visitor management program in place.
- Involve local law enforcement and fire personnel to work with you in developing a response plan and tactics for dealing with an active shooter.
- Evaluate your threat assessment program to ensure it is adequate to deal with threats.

While this list is by no means exhaustive or inclusive, it gives a good starting point to manage your building security. If you have further questions, please visit the School Safety Center website at: [www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter](http://www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter) or contact your local broker or Canfield Risk Control Specialist.

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