

LOCKDOWN DRILL

TIPS FOR TEACHERS

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PREPARE STUDENTS AHEAD OF TIME

If possible, inform students a few hours before a lockdown drill so they will be ready to take action and know what to expect.



LOCK, LIGHTS, OUT OF SIGHT

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Familiarize students with "Lock, Lights, Out of Sight" to remind them of the steps when a lockdown occurs. This will remind them to stay low or hide while the teacher secures the classroom.

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SHHHHH

Make sure students understand the importance of being as quiet and still as possible. If teachers model this and use hand gestures instead of speaking, it will be easier for kids to follow.



POLICE OFFICER VISIT

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After the lockdown drill, discuss the experience with the students. Allow for questions and feelings to be shared. If police officers are present, remind students that they come to make sure everyone is safe. If possible, invite the police officers to visit the classroom.