

On The Alert!

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Attention: ASCIP Members
Affected Department(s): Risk Management, Admin., Teachers, & Staff
Applicability: K-12 School Districts & Charter Schools

SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AUDIT AND DISTRICT SAFETY PLANS

School based violence and active shooter incidents are on the rise, according to a recent survey conducted by the California State Auditor's Office released on August 31, 2017. The report purports that many K-12 public schools are inadequately prepared for potential incidents of gun violence in their schools, particularly those related to active shooters.

Additionally, a study by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) found that kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) facilities were the second most common location category for active shooter events in the United States and California.

Recent episodes have magnified the importance of implementing emergency response procedures and staff training tailored to active shooter events. While state law requires districts and county offices of education (COE) to maintain, and review annually, Comprehensive School Safety Plans (CSSP), the law does not require the plan to include emergency response procedures for active shooter incidents.

Although the law does not require a plan at this time, K-12 schools and COEs are strongly encouraged to include in their individual CSSP a category for active shooter threats/incidents detailing a specific emergency response plan. The response plan should be vetted through an approval process to include, but not necessarily limited to, the district/COE staff/committee, first responders, and the community stakeholders.

Click [here](#) to access the full report or you can access at the State Auditor's website: <https://www.auditor.ca.gov/reports/2016-136/auditresults.html>

Active Shooter Threats and Incidents Reported by Selected California School Districts and County Offices of Education (n = 348) by School Year

