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Effective Emergency Management

A Team Approach

Educational institutions are required to address the risks of emergencies occurring at school and on campus, whether from natural disasters such as tornados, hurricanes, floods and severe weather, to technological, biological, infrastructure, or bullying, drugs, and violence, and more. Administrators take these risks very seriously to provide the safest environment for students, staff and visitors. The diversity, severity and ever-changing nature of safety risks means that creating an effective and comprehensive emergency management program requires more than in-house staff.

Community Partners

The New Way

Many administrators partner with nationally recognized experts like Shamus O'Meara to create and update their safety programs and policies. Shamus works with educational partners to develop an effective emergency management program that addresses the unique needs of students and staff, embracing an All-Hazards approach with a team of community partners committed to making safety a priority.



Four Phases of Emergency Management

To be effective, Emergency Management Plans must be regularly updated and revised based on experience, changing circumstances, current risks, threats, and best practices. Proper Emergency Management programs should address Four Phases: Prevention & Mitigation; Preparedness; Response; Recovery.



Good crisis planning not only creates safe and healthy learning environments, but can reduce the risks of legal liability and exposure. Shamus O'Meara and the Education Practice Group at O'Meara, Leer, Wagner & Kohl regularly advises and consults with educational institutions, government agencies, insurers and risk managers to create effective emergency management strategies that strive to assess and mitigate risks, avoid injury and exposure, and promptly respond when a crisis strikes. We also provide important assistance after the emergency, guiding administrators on available resources, response coordination, questions of liability and the efficacy of the emergency plan.

Shamus also serves as an expert witness for educational institutions, risk management programs, and insurers, reviewing plans and providing input and testimony on crisis situations involving claims and litigated matters.

Learn about how we can help you create an effective Emergency Management program and assist your safety needs.

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