Student Safety Drills:

Requirements for Tennessee's K-12 Schools

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Earthquake:

> Schools within 100 miles of the New Madrid fault line in West Tennessee are required to conduct two earthquake drills each school year. Earthquake drills are optional for all other Tennessee schools.

> Earthquake drills may count toward the three required non-evacuation drills that all schools must conduct annually.

Fire:

> All schools must conduct a full evacuation fire drill once every 30 school days. Two of the drills must be conducted in the first 30 full days of the school year. The requirement results in seven fire drills each school year.

> All schools are required to make four fire safety announcements each school year.

Armed Intruder:

> All schools are required to conduct at least one armed intruder drill during the school year.

> Armed intruder drills must be done in conjunction with local law enforcement.

Tornado:

> Tornado drills are not required in Tennessee, although school districts may choose to conduct them.

> Tornado drills may count toward the three required non-evacuation drills that all schools must conduct annually.

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