

THE “DON'TS” OF A SCHOOL EMERGENCY FOR PARENTS

Students and staff conduct drills to practice what to do in the event of a school lockdown, but do parents know what to do, and more importantly, what **NOT** to do to keep your child safe? Here the “don'ts” are further explained.

PLEASE DO NOT:

...CONTACT YOUR CHILD, until you are notified it is safe to do so.

With the wide use of cell phones, getting in touch with your child at school is probably a snap. But whether by call or text, and despite your instinct, it is best **NOT** to try and get in touch with your child during school lockdowns, as this could alert an intruder of your child's location. Exchanging information with them, especially information that is incomplete or wrong, could make matters worse or cause unnecessary worry. The District will put emergency information on the District website as soon as staff is able to do so.

...GO TO THE SCHOOL, until you are notified it is safe to do so.

If a school is on lockdown or conducting a shelter in place, there is a reason. And, it may involve an unsafe environment surrounding the school. For your safety, the safety of your child, and the well-being of all involved, all parents **MUST** stay away from the school until notified that it is safe and the emergency has been cleared.

...CALL THE SCHOOL

School staff will most likely be unable to answer phones and the phone lines **MUST** remain clear to contact emergency personnel. Consult the District website for information at www.slvusd.org. You may also call this District Office number for updated information: 831-336-4022.

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

PLEASE PREPARE YOUR CHILD...

It is difficult to talk about scary scenarios, and we certainly do not want to scare our children more than need be, but it is important to prepare them for a lockdown situation. Explain how they will be expected to behave, warn them they may not be able to talk to you right away, and stress that they should listen to their teachers and those who are there to help.

PLEASE STAY POSITIVE AND DO NOT PANIC...

This is the most important thing to remember. There are many reasons a school could go into a lockdown or shelter in place, and many of those reasons may not directly involve the school. It is a priority to keep students safe.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR ID...

Once the “all clear” has been given, it may be necessary for you to pick your child up from school. Even if you are well-known to the staff, there may be others involved in the situation that may not know who you are.

It is important to be aware of the District/school's safety procedures. Please visit www.slvusd.org for more information regarding the school's safety procedures.