

## The Physical Safety Checklist for Schools

- ✓ Does the school maintain Health cards?
- ✓ Does the school keep the medical records of students with special health problems?
- ✓ Do parents communicate their children's health issues in schools?
- ✓ Does the school have a qualified full – time doctor/ nurse in the school?
- ✓ Is there a doctor-on-call for emergency?
- ✓ Has the school tied up with a local hospital within two kilometers?
- ✓ Is the medical room fully equipped to handle all emergencies?
- ✓ Is there a first – aid box placed at every floor of the building?
- ✓ Does the school carry out annual medical checkup of all the students?
- ✓ Is the school staff sensitized to understand the genuine health problems of the children?
- ✓ Have the teachers undergone basic training courses on counseling, first-aid and identification of disabilities?
- ✓ Does the school have a 'Health and Wellness Club'?
- ✓ Is there an emphasis on intake of balanced diet by the students and is the consumption of junk food discouraged?
- ✓ Does the school follow the mid –day meal plan?
- ✓ Is there a dietician and meal planner on school panel?

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Do the teachers have their meals with the students and monitor their eating habits? Is the chemistry lab equipped to handle common emergencies?
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Is the health climate being fostered in school?
- ✓  
Are the First –Aid protocols for common injuries displayed at different places in school?
- ✓  
Does the school call medical experts from time to time to sensitize the students and teachers?
- ✓  
Has the school constituted a parent –teacher –students committee to address the safety needs of the students?
- ✓  
Does the school have proper sewage, drainage and garbage disposal arrangements?
- ✓  
Is there proper facility for safe drinking water with adequate number of water taps?
- ✓  
Are the auditorium, assembly hall, gymnasium all free from hazardous fixtures and with adequate light and ventilation?
- ✓  
Is the access to school building by outsiders controlled and are visitors monitored?
- ✓  
Are all the areas in school safe by design or by staff supervision?
- ✓  
Does the staff actively supervise students both inside and outside the classroom?
- ✓  
Do the benches have sharp edges?
- ✓  
Are windows fixed with proper railings?
- ✓  
Are the washrooms hygienic and disinfectants kept away from the reach of children?
- ✓  
Are the electrical appliances maintained and is there a quality check on them?

- ✓  
Are the secluded corners, corridors and staircases kept under watch by staff members during lunch breaks and at the time of dispersal?
- ✓  
Are there ramps and wheel –chairs for differently abled students or teachers?
- ✓  
Are the parents connected with messaging system or mobile phone networking?
- ✓  
Is the medical history of every student available in the school?
- ✓  
Are the special records like blood groups, allergies and medication that need to prescribed frequently updated with parental support?
- ✓  
Are the physical education instructors sensitive enough to involve students in sports according to their physical capabilities and health related issues?
- ✓  
Is the Sports Room well –ventilated and well –equipped to handle common sports injuries?
- ✓  
Are the school playgrounds, swings, rides, sports-equipments etc. safe?
- ✓  
Have the schools buses passed the safety test?
- ✓  
Is there a teacher on board and a helper accompanying the children in school buses?
- ✓  
Are the school buses equipped with First –Aid boxes, drinking water and mobile phones?
- ✓  
Are the elevators and exit ways examined periodically and on daily basis?
- ✓  
Are the laboratories safe and spacious enough for hazard free learning?