



NTPS EMERGENCY INFORMATION GUIDE

North Thurston Public Schools is committed to providing a safe environment for students, staff, families and visitors. Our district's Safety Committee coordinates our Emergency Response Plans, working closely with local, state and national emergency responders and public health officials to ensure we are well prepared! Each school also conducts multiple emergency drills throughout the year including fire, earthquake and lockdown drills. This card provides important information to help guide you through our emergency process.

QUICKLINKS

NTPS Safety: www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/safety

Critical Incidents: www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/criticalincidents

Crime Stoppers: www.p3tips.com
or 1-800-222-TIPS



WHAT TO DO TO PREPARE

- Update your **contact information** with your school, keep it current and check it frequently.
- Adjust your settings in **School Messenger** so you get the call/text/email where you want it. <http://go.schoolmessenger.com> or download the app.
- **Talk to your child** about safety – ask them how their lockdown or drill process works from their perspective. Get a picture of their experience.
- Talk to your school about their **safety plan** – drills, types of responses, communications. Get a picture of their experience.

WHAT TO DO DURING AN EMERGENCY

- **STAY BY YOUR PHONE**/email/text and our social media/website. We will update immediately when we have accurate information. Rely on us to get you the most accurate information – we are in constant contact with first responders during a crisis.
- **DO NOT GO TO THE SCHOOL** until directed. These situations are filled with first responders, administrators, and our critical incident team working through their carefully planned response steps. Trust the process.
- **DO NOT CALL YOUR CHILD'S MOBILE DEVICE.** Depending on the incident, a ringing phone is a safety hazard.
- We will contact you with clear instructions on **REUNIFICATION**. Be ready to act on these instructions. Have your keys and ID ready to roll.

WHAT TO DO AFTER IT HAPPENS

- **Listen** to your child (see talking tips at www.nthurston.k12.wa.us/talkingtips)
- Seek help from school staff or **mental health professionals** if needed – you know your child best.
- Call the **Crisis Clinic** at 360-586-2800.