

## CSSRC Resource Review

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**Language:** English

**Usefulness Rating:**

1. Excellent XX
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. Rated by: (CSSRC staff member) Alice
6. Comments:
  - a. This is a brief but thorough examination of the role law enforcement plays in relation to bomb threats in schools, based on research. There is a short history of bombing events and analysis of threats and perpetrators. Included in an appendix is a list of warning signs of potential school violence. Specific strategies for preventing bomb threats in schools are discussed, as well as methods for measuring the effectiveness of enacted prevention strategies.
  - b. Because a well-prepared response can minimize the impact of a crisis event, preparedness, cultivating relationships, and coordination with the school are emphasized. Law enforcement personnel are advised to assist schools with creating and drilling bomb threat and emergency plans, developing threat assessment procedures, conducting facilities vulnerability assessments, and creating a positive school climate. An appendix includes a specific list of questions to help schools address in their bomb threat response plan relating to emergency responders.
  - c. Specific response actions are summarized, including preparedness activities that will increase the effectiveness of the response.
  - d. It is suggested that a review of the response should be conducted with the full team after every bomb threat incident to make improvements.



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**Category:** (Prevention, Preparedness, Response, Recovery, Promotional Item) Prevention, Preparedness, Response

**Topic:** (Bullying, Substance Abuse, Threat Assessment, etc) Bomb Threats, Facilities

**Audience:** (Administrators, Counselors/Psychologists/Social Workers, Emergency Responders, Health Professionals/Nurses, Law Enforcement/SROs/Security, Parents, Teachers, Other School Personnel) Law Enforcement/ SROs

**Intended Age Group:** (pre-K, elementary, middle, high, higher education) K-12

**Cost:** N/A

**Additional Comments:** There is an order limit of 5 hard copies, however the document may be downloaded or a request can be submitted to order more copies.

