



# SCHOOL SAFETY

## AUDITS / ASSESSMENTS

The School Safety Advocacy Council recognizes that concerns for school safety and security have dramatically increased. As such, choosing a company or individual to perform your school safety assessment is a task that should not be taken lightly. There are also many questions one should ask of a company/individual being asked to perform such an important task. Some of the questions experts recommend asking is as follows:

***1) Is the staff that will be performing the assessment directly experienced in conducting school safety assessments?***

SSAC Response: Yes, and as a matter of fact, the staff performing your school safety assessment not only have direct experience in conducting school related safety assessment, our experience is unmatched by other companies and individuals. The staff at SSAC has over 40+ years of combined experience conducting safety assessments in all grade level schools, specialty schools, school bus transportation areas and district offices.

***2) Will the company chosen to perform the safety assessment focus on only the negatives and make our school?***

SSAC Response: While a great many companies and individuals seem to enjoy the “Gotcha” style school safety assessments, SSAC is one of the few that does not subscribe to that methodology. As a matter of fact, our team will spend considerable time highlighting the many features and strategies that are already in place that are keeping faculty and staff safe. Naturally, we will focus on the school(s) individual needs and make recommendations that can enhance existing safety features and provide you with options that are based upon our onsite findings.

### **3) *Is the company that is doing the assessment, product or service driven?***

What has probably become one of the fastest growing trends in the nation, we have seen so many companies offering free or reduced cost school safety assessments from companies that will later recommend their own products. In some cases, we have seen non-profit organizations and individuals tied to products such as alert systems and camera companies. SSAC assures you that the safety assessment you receive will not be product or service driven, but based upon the best practices in the field.

Our philosophy upon accepting a school safety assessment will be to create a partnership with your staff and approach the assessment process as a team. In addition, it is our practice upon completing the assessment, to jointly review any and all recommendations and options with your administrative team prior to a final report being issued.

The areas that our team will review will include, but not be limited to:

- Physical protection systems (based upon CPTED practices)
- After-hours security review
- Local community issues impacting school(s)
- Review of existing crisis plan, evacuation plan, lock-down plan and student/parent re-unification plan
- Bus compound and transportation review
- Climate assessment

Lastly, SSAC recognizes that as an administrative team, you have many responsibilities in your day to day management of the school/district. As such, we want to assure you that we will not disrupt the normal flow of your educational setting and provide you the most professional school safety assessment in the industry. We look forward to working with you.

For additional information, contact us at 1-888-485-2440 or via the web at

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