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## **BOMB THREAT ANNEX**

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# Bomb Threat

## Phone Call Recipient:

Upon receipt of a bomb threat by telephone, use the bomb threat incident form to write down information from the caller. Make every effort to:

- Keep caller on the phone as long as possible. DO NOT HANG UP. If possible, signal for someone to listen with you
- If student answers the phone, get an adult to the phone as soon as possible
- Signal to someone to alert the Main Office
- Write down everything the caller says
- Use Bomb Threat Checklist (see next page) ASAP and ask questions on checklist
- Identify background noises
- Note distinguishing voice characteristics
- After call, write down impression of caller
- Dial 9-\*57 for a phone trace before dialing any other number

### Written Threats:

- Handle the item as little as possible
- On a separate piece of paper, re-write the threat exactly as it reads. On this copy, also record:
  - O Where the item was found
  - o The date and time you found the item
  - O Situations/conditions surrounding discovery
  - O Any other person you are aware of who saw the threat
- Secure the original item. If small, place in a bag or envelope
- DO NOT fold, crumple, tear, or mark the item in any way
- If on a large object, secure the location
- Notify the School Decision Maker of the threat

#### E-Mailed Threats:

- Leave the e-mail message open on the computer
- Notify the School Decision Maker and the IT department, of the threat
- Print, photograph, or copy down the message (Include the header of the e-mail)
- Save the e-mail
- Leave the e-mail open until assistance arrives

#### **Verbal Threats:**

• Detain the person making the threat, if possible and practical.

- If the person who made the threat leaves, note in which direction. If possible and safe, follow them at a discreet distance. Have another staff member notify the School Decision Maker.
- Note description of the person making threat:
  - O Name, if you know them
  - o Race, Sex, Type and color of clothing
  - o Body size, Hair color, Distinguishing features
- Write down the threat exactly as it was communicated to you:
  - o Exact wording
  - Who made the threat
  - O The date and time of the threat
  - Location of person who made the threat
- Notify the School Decision Maker, if someone else has not already done so.

## **Suspicious Objects:**

If a suspicious object is found

- Do not touch it
- Notify an administrator
- Evacuate immediate area
- Place a "Keep Out" notice in area

### If evacuation is warranted:

- Students and staff will remove their own personal items only (i.e. book bag, backpack, clothing or briefcases
- School officials should pre-check evacuation route and pre-designated meeting area for any suspicious items or packages

### Teachers:

When informed of need to evacuate due to bomb threat:

- 1. Open windows and leave classroom door open.
- 2. Leave light/computers on
- 3. Do not use radios as they might activate the bomb
- 4. Evacuate via safe route
- 5. Ensure students are at least 500 feet away from the building
- 6. Follow evacuation procedures

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