

# SCHOOL LOCKDOWN SAFETY



LPS takes school security very seriously and follows all of the safety protocols that are practiced regularly with the Livingston Police Department. These protocols include school lockdowns, which are designed to secure schools and protect students during emergency situations. Parents have a part to play in school lockdown safety as well! See below to learn how parents can contribute to school safety during lockdown situations.

## HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

### TRY NOT TO PANIC

It's easy to assume the worst when a school goes on lockdown, but there are many reasons why lockdowns are enacted for the safety of students and staff. Remain calm for both yourself and your child.

### CHECK TEXTS/EMAILS

The district will send out a notification when a lockdown is enacted, as well as updates, and a notification when a lockdown is lifted via text and email. Make sure that your emergency contact information is up to date in the Genesis Portal.

### DON'T SHARE LOCKDOWN INFO ON SOCIAL MEDIA

In most cases, detailed information and transparency are good things, but they can be harmful during situations that cause schools to lockdown.

### DON'T CALL THE SCHOOL

During lockdowns, every staff member has a job to do to contribute to a safe and positive outcome. Fielding phone calls distracts from these responsibilities.

### DON'T GO TO THE SCHOOL

During a lockdown situation, schools are not accessible and the law enforcement officers need to focus on the situation, not crowd control.

We appreciate that these situations can be upsetting for those involved. Please know each of our schools have counselors that are available to help students process any thoughts or feelings they are experiencing following a lockdown situation. In addition, Care Solace is a **free and confidential** service provided to students, staff, and their families by LPS. Care Solace's team is available 24/7/365 and can support you in any language. Visit the [Care Solace website](#) or call 888-515-0595.