



CLIMATE CONNECTION

Information and strategies
linking Climate and School Safety.

September Embrace New Beginnings!

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SEPTEMBER IS FOR NEW BEGINNINGS

September is the start of a new school year with new students and new staff. This is a great time to review your safety drills with staff, especially new staff and substitutes.

- What routines does your school have for taking attendance during drills and notifying of missing or added students?
- Do students and staff know what to do when students are in hallways or bathrooms during a drill?
- What provisions are made for substitute staff to be aware of safety drill protocols and procedures?
- What considerations support special populations during trauma-informed drills?
- The purpose of drills is to practice and prepare, not to scare. Drills are to help students and staff know what to do in an emergency, not create trauma.



For more information regarding what to do before, during, and after drills, see the free resources available on the NYSCFSS website.

USEFUL RESOURCES

Conducting Trauma-Informed Drills in NYS

https://www.nyscfss.org/_files/ugd/60b30b_83cccdcb03514e5a8d9b1781a3045667_.pdf

Trauma-Informed Schools

<https://www.nyscfss.org/trauma-informed-schools>

Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

https://www.nyscfss.org/_files/ugd/60b30b_0b5146a3bc7e438ea403a29302207b4a.pdf

