



CASMAN Safety Information 2026-27

We ALL need to work together to keep our schools safe!

Our goal is to provide specific resources and information surrounding school safety. We have taken great steps in the last 5 years to improve our safety and security. We are counting on everyone (including **YOU!**) to work together as a team to keep our students safe.

HOW CAN I HELP?



See Something, Say Something! How do I report a safety concern or threat?

Contact law enforcement 911

Tell an adult at school

Report it to OK2SAY

- call 8-555-OK2SAY or (855)565-2729
- text 652729
- email OK2SAY@mi.gov

What should I do if there is an emergency at school?

Every school building has an emergency operations plan written in coordination with local and state emergency service providers (police, fire, ems, etc.) that include action steps for the following emergencies:

- **severe weather** (incidents such as a thunderstorm, tornado, ice storm, blizzard, or flood which requires the *CASMAN Alternative Academy* to take emergency protective measures)
- **fire** (a fire in a building or on the grounds of the *CASMAN Alternative Academy* requiring emergency protective measures to be implemented)



- **environmental hazard** (an incident such as a hazardous materials release, exterior threat, or another incident that requires *district employees, teachers, and students* to remain inside)
- **first aid/Medical** (incidents that require *district staff and teachers* to provide emergency care)
- **power outage** (incidents where there is an electrical power failure, gas line break, water main or sewer break, telephone outage, computer network or internet outage impacting the *CASMAN Alternative Academy* requiring action to be taken)
- **evacuation** (incidents such as a fire, internal chemical release, bomb threat, or other incidents which require *district employees, teachers, and students* to leave the building)
- **bomb threat/suspicious package** (guidance on handling suspicious packages and during a suspected or actual bomb threat on or impacting the *CASMAN Alternative Academy* requiring emergency protective measures to be implemented)
- **hold mode** (incidents when the hallways need to be kept clear of occupants to manage a situation, like a medical emergency or an altercation in the hallway)
- **secure mode** (incidents when the potential for external threats arise in the surrounding area, actions will begin securing the building and occupants but continue business as usual)
- **lockdown** (incidents such as an active shooter, criminal incident, exterior threat, or other incidents which require *district employees, teachers, and students* to remain inside to protect occupants and minimize overall exposure to danger)
- **reunification** (provide for the orderly and coordinated reunification of *students* and families if an emergency situation occurs that warrants evacuating *CASMAN Alternative Academy* for an extended period of time)

The parent's/guardian's role in each of these emergencies is to **wait for school communication via our notification system**. The staff and students practice these procedures multiple times throughout the year. We will do an emergency test of our notification systems two times a year- September and January. These are our open enrollment windows when we tend to have new students enrolling. It is important to update emergency contact information.

If your contact information changes at any time throughout the year, please call the individual buildings to update your information. **In the event of an emergency, please do NOT come to the building.** We know our instincts as parents are to get our children to safety, but please understand we will need to secure the facility and surrounding areas to allow for emergency personnel to have clear access to buildings. Please see our [**STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL HERE**](#). We have a reunification plan for each building and would provide that information to parents using our notification system.



WHAT ARE OUR SCHOOLS DOING TO KEEP KIDS SAFE?

What are our schools doing to keep our kids safe?

- All buildings have a secure entry and remain locked throughout the day
- All classrooms have locks and remain locked throughout the day
- All buildings have both internal and external security cameras
- The building has an Emergency Operations Plan that is reviewed and approved by Law Enforcement and the Board of Education every year
- All staff are trained on emergency policies and procedures ANNUALLY
- All Emergency Operation Plans and procedures are practiced multiple times a year with staff and students
- CASMAN has at least one school counselor on campus every day to provide support services to our students
- All buildings have access to additional services for behavior and mental health
- A district-wide alert system is in place to be used for communication
- CASMAN promotes OK2SAY for anonymous reporting of concerning behavior
- External agreements with local organizations and agencies are in place to support our schools and our Emergency Operations Plans
- Go Bags in each classroom containing first aid and emergency supplies.
- Visual strobes on building exteriors, gyms, music rooms, the auditorium, and the industrial arts rooms will provide a visual alert if secure or lockdown mode is initiated.
- Active threat response and training to align with the CRASE model (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Event)
- Parking lot lighting, security cameras and signage
- Mapping provided to law enforcement and first responders

Parent Resources

- 988 National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing mental health-related distress.
- Wexford Adolescent Wellness Center- located at 400 Linden St. provides free physical and mental health services to adolescents ages 10-21 living in Wexford County as well as vaccination and testing for students aged 5 years and older. Please call 231 306-4900 to make an appointment.
- [Wexford County mental health and suicide prevention resources](#)
- [Title IX policies and forms - Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault Guidelines](#)
- [Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)
- [Social Media Safety and Tips for Parents](#)
- Parenting is HARD! ALL kids worry - this is a free resource that allows parents to "[Ask a Therapist?](#)" anonymously for free. Explore other parent questions or ask one yourself.
- [Developing Your Child's Reading Skills: Tips for Every Age](#)



What is the safe storage law in Michigan?

Michigan passed a firearms safe storage law that went into effect on Feb. 13, 2024.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW (MCL 28.429)

- The law imposes safe storage requirements on a person who knows, or reasonably should know, that a minor is, or is likely to be, present on the premises.
- Safe storage of a firearm includes storing in a locked box or container or storing unloaded with a locking device.
- A person is liable for any harm caused by a minor who gains unsupervised access to a firearm, if unlawfully stored.
- When a minor gains proper supervised access to a firearm with parental permission, no penalties will be imposed if the firearm is used during the minor's employment, ranching/farming, or target practice/instruction in the safe use of a firearm.
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is working with the Michigan State Police to distribute gun locks through home visits, MDHHS local offices, and some local health departments.

IMPORTANCE AND BENEFITS OF SAFE STORAGE TO HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

Legal ownership of firearms is a Constitutional right. This comes with important safety responsibilities to prevent accidental firearm deaths, thefts, and suicide, including among children. Hiding unlocked firearms or keeping them on a shelf out of reach does not guarantee or equal safe storage under Michigan law. Safe storage reduces the risk of accidental death among children and theft of guns. When access to guns is reduced, the overall suicide rate drops.

FIREARM SAFE STORAGE OPTIONS

There are simple measures everyone can take to protect their family or other children and reduce the risk of unintentional firearm injury or death.

- ① Gun safe
- ② Trigger lock
- ③ Cable lock

Also, it is important to store ammunition separately from the firearm.



Accidental firearm deaths among children 17 years and younger most often happen:

- With guns that are loaded and unlocked.
 - When a child is playing with a gun or showing it to someone else.



In these situations, the most common victim of an accidental firearm death is a friend or a sibling of the child.



Closets and nightstands are the most common locations of guns used in these fatal unintended shootings.

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[Project ChildSafe](#)

[University of Michigan Family Guide to Firearm Home Safety](#)

[National Suicide Prevention Lifeline \(Call or text 988\)](#)

For more information and a full list of other resources, visit the MDHHS firearm safe storage page at Michigan.gov/mdhhs/safety-injury-prev/firearm-safety