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Translated Safety and Crisis Resources

These NASP resources on safety and crisis have been translated into Spanish and other world languages. ...

War & Terrorism

Scenes of war and violence around the world played out on the news can have a negative impact on all children—particularly those who have suffered personal loss from or been exposed firsthand to terrorist or military actions, and those whose parents are members of the military, active duty reservists, law enforcement, or emergency response. ...

Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers

High profile acts of violence, particularly in schools, can confuse and frighten children who may feel in danger or worry that their friends or loved-ones are at risk. They will look to adults for information and guidance on how to react. Parents and school personnel can help children feel safe by establishing a sense of normalcy and security and talking with them about their fears. ...

Preventing Youth Suicide

Youth suicide is a serious problem, but is preventable if the right people know the warning signs and how to get help. ...

Threat Assessment at School

Threat assessment represents an important component of a comprehensive approach to school safety that gives schools an alternative to zero tolerance discipline policies that have proven to be ineffective and counterproductive. ...

Addressing Grief

School-based support and increased understanding are essential when a student experiences the death of a friend or loved one. While each student will be affected differently depending on his or her developmental level, cultural beliefs, personal characteristics, family situation, and previous experiences. ...

Memorials

Trauma

Trauma is a serious problem that can increase the risk for psychological, behavioral or emotional problems (depression or PTSD), substance abuse, low occupational attainment or academic failure, social maladjustment and poor medical health. ...

Care for Caregivers: Tips for Families and Educators

Parents, teachers, and other caregivers play a critical role in helping children cope with crises. It is extremely important, however, for caregivers to monitor their own reactions and take care of their own needs as failure to do so can result in stress and burnout. ...

Reunification

During and after a crisis, schools are accountable for maintaining the chain of custody for every student, and reunification also helps with the reestablishment of social support systems. ...

School Violence Prevention

All schools work to prevent school violence and schools are very safe places. Students, staff, and parents all have an important role in promoting school safety. ...

Bullying Prevention

Bullying is an unacceptable behavior that adults and students have a responsibility to stop. Schools must

have clear and comprehensive prevention practices and policies that address all forms of bullying and harassment. ...

Media & Crisis

While the media can play an important role in providing information about how children are coping, it can also cause real harm if its focus magnifies painful, disturbing details, people's loss and suffering, or the possibility of future or ongoing threats. ...

Social Media and School Crises

Natural Disaster

Conducting Crisis Exercises & Drills: Guidelines for Schools

It is essential that all schools be prepared to respond to emergency situations as part of their school safety and crisis planning and preparation. ...

A Framework for Safe and Successful Schools

Evidence-based policies and practices for improving school safety and increasing access to mental health supports for children and youth. ...

Best Practice Considerations for Schools in Active Shooter and Other Armed Assailant Drills

This document provides guidance on the important factors schools must take into account when considering and conducting armed assailant drills. ...

Become a Red Cross Disaster Mental Health Volunteer

The Red Cross has been providing shelter, feeding, health and mental health support to thousands affected by the floods in the Gulf States. Many more DMH workers are needed to support clients and responders who continue to struggle to cope with significant losses. ...

Direct Crisis Support

NASP offers consultation and support to schools and districts in the aftermath of a crisis. Learn what direct support is available, and who to contact. ...

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