

Sample Parent Handout

Date:

Your School

Address

City State/Province Postal Code

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Ensuring the safety of our youngest students is a shared responsibility between school, home, and the community. Part of this involves preparing for emergencies in a calm, age-appropriate way. By using simple language, modeling calm behavior, and giving students opportunities to practice, we can teach them safety actions without causing fear.

Many schools across the country use the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) from The “I Love U Guys” Foundation, which includes five actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. These clear, simple steps help children understand and respond to both emergencies and unusual events at school.

Before learning some of these skills, we will be teaching students about people who help them stay safe in the community, at school, and at home. When teaching about helpers in the community, we will talk about the first responders who help us when we need it.

Here is how you can help support your child at home with these discussions:

- Address Questions: Encourage questions and offer honest, comforting answers.
- Practice: Role-play to reinforce what they learned about safety actions.
- Monitor Emotions: Watch for any anxiety or fear and provide support.
- Encourage Communication: Let them know it's okay to talk about their feelings.
- Identify Helpers: People who keep your child safe at home during an emergency
- Personal Information: Teach your child their full name, address, and phone number. Practice it frequently.

By working together and handling these discussions with care, we can help children feel confident and prepared. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our students safe.

Please provide the most updated information so we can ensure your student is learning and practicing the correct information.

Child's full name:

Child's address where they reside during the school week:

Home phone number or phone number used to contact parent/guardian:
