

SCHOOL SAFETY

SAFETY BY DESIGN

The school bus is the safest vehicle on the road and children are much safer taking a bus to and from school than traveling by car. Source: National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

- Different by Design: School buses are designed so that they're highly visible (yellow) and include safety features such as flashing red lights, cross-view mirrors and stop-sign arms. They also include protective seating, high crush standards and rollover protection features. [Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards 49 CFR]

School Buses are the largest mass transportation fleet in our country.

What information should I report?

- ✓ **Who** or **what** you saw
- ✓ **When** you saw it
- ✓ **Where** it occurred
- ✓ **Why** it's suspicious

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING™ CAMPAIGN IS A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN SPONSORED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT TERRORISM, VIOLENCE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

- **LOCAL SCHOOL OFFICIALS, COMMUNITIES AND CITIZENS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PREVENTING VIOLENT ATTACKS AND KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES SAFE.**

- **SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IS BASED ON BEHAVIORS AND DOES NOT INCLUDE FACTORS SUCH AS RACE, ETHNICITY, GENDER, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR GENDER IDENTITY.**

ANYONE WHO SEES SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IS ASKED TO CALL THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR 9-1-1 IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY OR IF A CRIME IS IN PROGRESS.

What is considered suspicious activity?

- Suspicious activity may include an unusual interest in gaining sensitive information about facility security, operations, or maintenance.
- An unattended bag or backpack.
- Threatening comments or social media posts.
- Suspicious purchases of guns or items that could be used to construct an explosive device, including hydrogen peroxide, acetone, gasoline, propane, or ammonium nitrate fertilizers.
- Theft of security personnel uniforms or credentials
- Attempted or unauthorized access to rooftops or other potentially sensitive areas.
- Individuals acting suspiciously around the entrances to an event location.
- Unusual or bulky clothing that is inconsistent with the weather.



ARE OUR CHILDREN SAFE AT SCHOOL?

IT'S A QUESTION MANY HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR YEARS AND, MORE RECENTLY FOLLOWING AN UPTICK IN SCHOOL VIOLENCE THREATS ACROSS THE NATION.

THIS THREAT HAS OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS WORKING TOGETHER TO BE PREPARED.

THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN AND THOSE COMMITTED TO TEACHING THEM. THROUGHOUT THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR, WE WILL CONTINUE TRAINING TO HELP PROVIDE SOME GUIDANCE FOR IDENTIFYING SIGNS AND PREVENTING SCHOOL VIOLENCE.

Grant County Schools are working towards some consistent planning to help our local responders be better prepared to respond. This is a necessary part of planning in public safety.

Family Reunification and School Safety

Separation from one's family during or after an emergency can have mental and physical effects on children.

Reunification is the process of ensuring children return to the care of their parents and families as quickly, efficiently and carefully as possible following an emergency. Our School District is working on plans and actively training when possible.

