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School Safety Basics



Southern California Schools
Risk Management

SCHOOL SAFETY BASICS

Situational Awareness

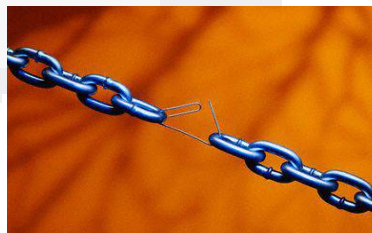
...following in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the U.S. in 2001, many things changed in the way our government conducts business. These changes have also had 'trickle down' effects on educational institutions. We have made some changes in the way we view 'threats' to our organizations from outside and within. One of these changes is developing a perspective known as 'situational awareness.'



Situational Awareness is a very sound risk assessment tool. It is important to maintain an awareness of what is going on in the environments in which we live and work. Here are some things we can do to improve our situational awareness:

- Have a good diet and exercise routine
- Get appropriate amounts of rest
- Read local and regional news publications
- Listen to the radio news or, yes, even watch it a bit on the television
- Catalog assets and capabilities (resources) available for your use
- Identify vulnerabilities or potential threats to these resources
- Mitigating or eliminating the most serious vulnerabilities for the most valuable resources

To oversimplify this concept, just make sure you know what is going on around you and think through what you might need to do in various circumstances to react or respond to possible threats. Be risk and threat adverse and maintain a constant situational awareness. It is in our own best interest."



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