SCHOOL SAFETY
PLAINLY

FOR STAFF & PARENTS

LOCKDOWN DRILLS, EXPLAINED FOR FAMILIES

Drills are practice, not a sign that something is wrong.

MANY SCHOOLS USE THESE

THE FIVE ACTIONS

- **Hold:** stay in your room or area while the halls are cleared. Class usually goes on.
- **Secure:** everyone comes inside and outside doors are locked. Class usually goes on.
- **Lockdown:** locks, lights, out of sight.
- **Evacuate:** move to a named location.
- **Shelter:** protect against a specific hazard, like a tornado or a chemical spill.

AFTER A DRILL

AT HOME

- **Ask what they did,** not whether they were scared. Naming the steps helps kids feel in control.
- **Use your school's words.** Ask for its terms so you and your child match.

FAIR QUESTIONS

ASK THE SCHOOL

- **Which drills do you practice,** and how often? Most states set a yearly minimum.
- **How do you review drills?** Good schools fix what slowed things down, like a sticky door or a crowded hall.

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In an emergency, call 911 first.

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