

School Safety as an Engagement Tool

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The Center for Safe Schools

- ◆ The mission of the Center for Safe Schools is to provide schools with resources, training and technical assistance to create and maintain safe, productive learning environments.

- ◆ Comprehensive School Safety

- ◆ We are not always the experts, but we who are

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School-Family-Community Engagement

- Is there a better topic to promote agreement and discussion?
- Local businesses thrive on these topics:
 - Fire/police departments
 - Internet companies/internet safety
 - Local pharmacy/doctor offices/businesses
- Provide free resources promoting the community
 - Surge protectors, smoke detectors, giveaways
- Integrate the topic with school events/promotions
 - PTO/PTA events, school activity nights
 - Have a “safety scavenger hunt”; Healthy-friendly competition
 - Integrate with existing emergency planning drills
 - Incorporate with positive school climate-culture

Be Creative!

- ◇ Use safety as a catalyst to build discussion
- ◇ Incorporate the community in your discussions
- ◇ Have fun with school safety! It is a serious topic and the more you can bring it up in different forums, the better!
- ◇ Embrace the concepts beyond the often difficult topics
 - ◇ The concepts brings people together

