

Security at LACC

In light of the horrible tragedy that took place in Newtown, CT all of our minds are focused on the safety and security of our children. LACC currently has the following policy in place in case of a lock down situation:

INTRUDER IN BUILDING OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Remain outwardly calm. Children will follow your lead.

Keep children isolated from the area of disruption.

DO NOT attempt to disarm, or in any way threaten, an armed intruder.

1. CALL 911: Administrator or Assistant Director.
2. Notification to staff will be over the intercom. CODE WORDS: *Music class begins in 5 minutes.*
3. Teachers will immediately lock the classroom doors from the inside.
4. Close all window shades. Everyone should stay away from the windows and doors.
5. Children should be taken to the appointed secure area.
 - a. All children in the "Baby Area" should be taken into The Blessed Beginnings room.
 - b. Children in the other classrooms in Loving Arms wing should be taken into the bathroom between the classrooms.
 - c. Children in the Upstairs classroom should use the back kitchen stairs and make their way to the Tornado room.
 - d. Children in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall should go to the Tornado Room.
6. Secure all areas of the building not affected by the intruder's presence so no one will accidentally walk into the situation. (Lock Breezeway door.)
7. If outside, teacher blows four short blows on the whistle signaling all children to drop to the ground face down and lie still.
8. If near the situation, but not seen by the intruder, do not allow yourself to be seen.
9. DO NOT enter the scene or attempt to negotiate. Wait for the police.
10. After the crisis has passed, hold meetings to debrief staff, parents and students. Evaluate actions taken during the crisis. Share concerns.
11. Counseling will be offered to children, staff and families
12. Prayers should be given after the incident

As an added precaution, we are currently researching blinds/curtains to be installed on classroom "peek windows". We will also be implementing "lock down" drills as part of our regular safety drill schedule effective January 2013. As an important reminder:

Parents should never give their security codes to anyone, nor should the entrance door be held open for anyone you do not recognize. Staff should never open the doors to anyone who rings the doorbell or knocks. Only Debi or Gloria will open the doors. Any outside party, (grandparents, friends who are on the pick up list, consultants etc. MUST present current picture ID's and be accompanied by LACC staff in order to be admitted to the center.