



Department of
Education

**SECURITY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND RESIDENTIAL FACILTITES
POLICY**

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PROCEDURES**

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SECURITY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES POLICY

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1 POLICY STATEMENT

The Department of Education (The Department) implements security measures to create a safe environment for staff, students, parents, volunteers and visitors, and to protect school and residential facility property.

2 POLICY RULES

Principals and college managers must implement security measures in accordance with the *Security for Public Schools and Residential Facilities Procedures*.

Guidance

The Department's Security and Emergency Management Section provides support, advice and consultancy to principals and college managers or their nominees on security-related issues.

3 RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE

Principals and college managers are responsible for implementation of the policy.

Line managers are responsible for compliance monitoring.

4 SCOPE

This policy applies to principals and college managers.

5 SUPPORTING PROCEDURES

Security for Public Schools and Residential Facilities Procedures.

6 RELATED DOCUMENTS

Relevant legislation or authority

Australian Standard 3745: 2010 Planning for Emergencies in Facilities

Australian/New Zealand Risk Management Standard ISO 31000:2018

Disability Discrimination Act 1992

Emergency Management Act 2005 (WA)

Emergency Management Regulations 2006 (WA)

Risk Management Guidelines HB 436:2013

Financial Management Act 2006 (WA)

Industrial Relations Act 1979 (WA)

Public Sector Management Act 1994 (WA)

School Education Act 1999 (WA)

School Education (Student Residential Colleges) Regulations 2017 (WA)

School Education Regulations 2000 (WA)

Security and Related Activities (Control) Act 1996 (WA)

Surveillance Devices Act 1998 (WA)

Western Australian Procurement Rules - General Procurement Direction 2021

Work Health and Safety Act 2020 (WA)

Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022 (WA)

Related Department policies

Community Use of Public School Facilities
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Other documents

Assets and Resources Manual (staff only)
Australia and New Zealand Police Recommendations for CCTV systems
Keeping our Workplace Safe
Manage cleaning and hygiene at your school (staff only)
Register your CCTV details
Safeguard school money and property (staff only)
The Principal's Guide to Bushfire
Western Australia Closed Circuit (CCTV) Guidelines

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School Watch:
T: 1800 177 777 (freecall)

Western Australia Police Force
T: 131 444 or 000

8 REVIEW DATE

27 February 2027

9 HISTORY OF CHANGES

Effective date	Last update date	Policy version no.	Ref no.	Notes
13 January 2011	3 October 2018	2.1	D18/0436932	Minor changes to include reference to Public schools D18/0151652.
14 May 2019		3.0	D19/0074090	This policy has undergone a major review. Approved by the Director General at Corporate Executive on 20 March 2019.
14 May 2019	4 May 2023	3.1	D23/1110597	Minor changes to update Related Documents and policy contact officer details (D23/1109923).
27 February 2024		4.0	D23/1311420	Major review undertaken. Endorsed and signed by the Director General on 31 January 2024.



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1 POLICY SUPPORTED

Security for Public Schools and Residential Facilities Policy

2 SCOPE

These procedures apply to principals and college managers.

3 PROCEDURES

3.1 PROTECTING SCHOOL AND RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES PROPERTY

Principals and college managers will manage:

- permanent identification markings on school and residential facilities equipment
- a loan register that ensures that the location of school equipment is known
- measures to reduce the likelihood of school vandalism.

Guidance

For more information see Manage security at your school on Ikon (staff only).

3.2 MAINTAINING SECURITY AND MANAGING SECURITY RISKS

Principals and college managers will:

- manage the security of school and residential facility keys
- implement measures to secure money collected from fees, excursions, fundraising or other authorised activities
- inform and induct staff in the security practices relevant to them
- report all security breaches to the Department's Security and Emergency Management Section
- report all damage to, and/or failure of, the school's or residential facility's security alarm system immediately to the Department's Security and Emergency Management Section, who will manage repairs and security of the site
- confirm that all installations or additions to the school's security alarm system are in accordance with the Department of Finance's Electronic Security Specification for Department of Education sites
- test all 'Request for Assistance Devices' through to the Department's Security Monitoring Centre at the beginning of each term and contact the Security Monitor Centre prior to conducting the testing.

Guidance

Reports on security breaches are used to build a historical profile of the security risks of the school or residential facility for the Department's Security and Emergency Management Section to make informed security decisions. Security breaches can be reported through the Online Incident Notification System reporting form.

For more information see Manage security at your school (staff only).

3.3 CREATING A SAFE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

Principals and college managers will:

- implement measures to minimise the likelihood of electrical hazards
- minimise the risk of fire hazards
- check that lighting is operational throughout the school and residential facility and report all faults to Department of Finance.

Guidance

For more information see [Manage security at your school](#) (staff only).

3.4 USE OF CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV)

Principals will:

- consult with school staff, the school board or council and the parents' and citizens' association prior to the implementation of a CCTV system or making changes to an existing CCTV system, and document and address any concerns raised.

College managers will:

- consult with staff, the Local Input Networking and Communications committee and the Manager, Residential Colleges prior to the implementation of a CCTV system, and document and address any concerns raised.

Principals and college managers will:

- seek advice and gain approval from the Department's Security and Emergency Management Section prior to any installation of a CCTV system in a school
- register the CCTV system online with [CAM-Maps WA](#)
- [follow procedures before releasing CCTV footage](#)
- seek approval from the Department's Security and Emergency Management Section when considering installing covert (hidden) surveillance cameras
- verify that the installation of covert (hidden) surveillance cameras complies with the *Surveillance Devices Act (1998)*.

Guidance

The use of a CCTV system should only be considered if no other options have proven or are likely to be successful.

For more information see [Manage security at your school](#) (staff only).

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14 May 2019	2 February 2022	3.1	D22/0058451	Minor corrective and link changes D22/0058427
14 May 2019	4 May 2023	3.2	D23/1110676	Minor changes to policy contact details and Related Documents (D23/1109923).
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