



# Maryland

Maryland has many agency programs and contacts that can help your school build a school safety plan. Check out these resources as you develop your plan.

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## State Programs

### **Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS)**

#### **Maryland State Government**

The Maryland Center for School Safety administers grants, develops resources, and provides training and support related to school safety to Maryland public, non-public special education, and private schools. In addition, MCSS supports school safety related legislation, regulations, and policies.

**Website:** <https://schoolsafety.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

## **Safe Schools Maryland (SSMD)**

### **Anonymous Reporting System**

Safe Schools Maryland is Maryland's only official anonymous reporting system. Safe Schools Maryland operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year. Your anonymous report can be submitted by calling the tip line (1-833-MD-B-SAFE / 1-833-632-7233), completing an online form (below), or downloading the free Safe Schools Maryland app from the App Store or Google Play.

**Website:** <https://safeschoolsmd.org>

## **Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)**

### **Student Services and Strategic Planning Branch (SSSP)**

The Student Services and Strategic Planning Branch (SSSP) is responsible for providing leadership and technical assistance to local education agencies with the implementation of programs and initiatives to facilitate the emotional, mental, social, and physical health of all students. These programs and initiatives include school counseling and career development, school psychology, pupil personnel, school social work, school health services, safe schools, dropout prevention and alternative programs, home instruction, and initiatives to reduce disruption and violence, address at-risk behaviors, and facilitate student achievement. The branch works collaboratively with other agencies, community organizations, and stakeholder groups around these initiatives.

**Website:** <https://marylandpublicschools.org/about/Pages/DSFSS/SSSP/index.aspx>

## **Maryland Department of Emergency Management (MDEM)**

### **Maryland State Government**

MDEM is a national leader in Emergency Management that provides Maryland residents, organizations, and emergency management partners with expert information, programmatic activities, and leadership in the delivery of financial, technical and physical resources "to shape a resilient Maryland where communities thrive." We do this by being Maryland's designated source of official risk reduction and consequence management information.

**Website:** <https://mdem.maryland.gov/>

## **Active Assailant Interdisciplinary Work Group**

### **Maryland State Government**

The AAIWG brings a multidisciplinary approach to prevention, intervention, and response to active assailant incidents and overall public safety and emergency management planning. This collaborative effort helps to ensure the safety, security, and resiliency of Maryland's diverse communities extending from the Eastern Shore to Western Maryland.

**Website:** <https://aaiwg.maryland.gov/>

## **Handle With Care**

### **MCSS/MSDE**

If an emergency responder encounters a child during a call or incident, that child's information is forwarded to the school before the school bell rings the next day. The school implements individual, class and whole school trauma-sensitive curricula so that traumatized children are "Handled With Care". If a child needs more intervention, on-site trauma-focused mental healthcare is available at the school.

**Website:** <https://handlewithcaremd.org/>

# **Contact Information**

## **State and Local**

### **Maryland Center for School Safety**

200 W. Baltimore Street Baltimore, MD 21201

410-281-2335

[admin.mcass@maryland.gov](mailto:admin.mcass@maryland.gov)

<https://schoolsafety.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

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## **Maryland State Department of Education**

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410-281-2335

[https://news.maryland.gov/msde/contactmsde/  
marylandpublicschools.org](https://news.maryland.gov/msde/contactmsde/marylandpublicschools.org)

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) works collaboratively with the State Board of Education and stakeholders to ensure the promise of an excellent and equitable education for all students, especially those who have been historically underserved.

## **Maryland Department of Emergency Management**

7229 Parkway Drive, Suite 200 Hanover, MD 21076  
410-517-3600 (M-F, 8:00-5:00) or 877-636-2872

[mjoc.mdem@maryland.gov](mailto:mjoc.mdem@maryland.gov)  
<https://mdem.maryland.gov/Pages/home-12345.aspx>

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## **Federal**

### **FEMA Region III**

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

615 Chestnut Street

One Independence Mall, Sixth Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19106-4404

Phone: (215) 931-5500

[femar3newsdesk@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:femar3newsdesk@fema.dhs.gov)

## **CISA Region III**

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

[CISARegion3@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:CISARegion3@hq.dhs.gov)

## **FBI Regional Office**

### **Baltimore**

2600 Lord Baltimore Drive

Baltimore, MD 21244

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices/baltimore>

(410) 265-8080

Covers the entire states of Maryland and Delaware

## **HHS Regional Office**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Region 3

801 Market Street, Suite 8000

Philadelphia PA, 19107

Phone number: 215-861-4633

## **Other**

## **Fusion Centers**

[Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center](#) (Primary) – 800-492-8477

# **State Grants & Funding Opportunities**

[Maryland Center for School Safety Administered Grants](#)

## **Maryland Center for School Safety**

Several grant opportunities are available to Maryland schools and provided through Maryland state funding and administered by MCSS. Information about current grants can be found on the MCSS grants page.

# **State Events & Opportunities**

## **[PREpare Annual School Safety Conference](#)**

Maryland Center for School Safety

Annually the third Wednesday and Thursday in July MCSS hosts local and national experts speaking on topics related to school, student, and school staff safety. Registration if required to attend and seating is limited to capacity of the venue. Priority is given to Maryland practitioners.

[Learn More](#)

## **[Maryland School Resource Officer/School Safety Employee Training Academy](#)**

Maryland Center for School Safety

State and local subject matter experts provide training to Maryland SROs and SSEs using a curriculum approved by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission.

[Learn More](#)