



Hess Street Elementary School

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Dear Families

Every year schools conduct Safe School's Drills to ensure all students and staff are aware of what to do in the event of an emergency. Please review the information below and feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.

All drills this year will be modified to ensure appropriate Public Health guidelines are followed.

Please note that there will be no access to the school or to pick up students during these drills.

Here is a list of dates that we will be holding our emergency drills.

Fire Drills (6 per school year)

Only drill #1 is announced

Fire Drill 1 - Tuesday Sept 21 @ 12:30

Lockdown Drills

1 Monday, Nov. 15 @ 12:30

2 Monday, Dec. 6 @ 12:30

Hold & Secure Drill

1 Tuesday, Jan. 11 @ 9:30

Shelter in Place Drill

1 Tuesday, Jan. 25 @ 11:30

Bomb Threat Drills

1 Monday, Feb. 21 @ 2:00

2 Thursday, March 3 @ 9:30

For additional information: <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/supports/secure-schools/>

Please contact the school if you require additional information

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Secure Schools and Bomb Threats

Terminology is important when a situation impacts the safety of students and staff. Schools, police and media outlets use four specific terms during such events.

The term **LOCKDOWN** must be used appropriately and leave no misunderstanding as to what is expected.

	LOCKDOWN Potentially serious violent situation at the school that would endanger the lives of staff and students. Usually police initiated.	REMAIN IN SCHOOL
	HOLD & SECURE Safety situation in the neighbourhood not related to the school.	
	SHELTER IN PLACE Potential environmental or weather-related hazard outside the school.	
	BOMB THREAT Report or discovery of an explosive device.	

Communication to Families in Secure School Situations:

HWDSB will post safety updates on its website www.hwdsb.on.ca and Twitter @HWDSB.

Where appropriate...

Phone messages will be sent to the parent/guardian's contact phone number provided to the school. HWDSB will be in contact with local media outlets. Monitor broadcast and print outlets.

During such events, cellphone use between parents and student is restricted.

Phone lines must be free for emergency services.