



# Safety on a Shoestring: Low Cost Strategies That Work

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## I. Lockdown Enhancements and Alternatives

1. Known facts about school shootings
  - a. Fatalities in school shootings are almost always static, not moving.
  - b. Once the shooter was engaged, no other innocents died.
  - c. If those under attack can end it, fewer people will die.
2. A violent intruder is a criminal, not educational event.
  - a. Law enforcement response to violence has evolved over time
  - b. Many school still use a single lockdown protocol despite:
    - i. Strong evidence that it doesn't work
    - ii. Recommendations to the contrary.
3. Examples of lockdown alternatives and enhancements
  - a. ALICE
  - b. Department of Homeland Security's Three Outs
4. Who supports lockdown alternatives?
  - a. DHS booklet: *Active Shooter: How to Respond*
  - b. Department of Justice, International Chiefs of Police: *Guide for Preventing and Responding to School Violence*.
  - c. NYPD *Active Shooter: Recommendations and Analysis for Risk Mitigation*

## II. Vulnerability Assessment Resources

**School District Facility Safety and Security Audit Toolkit**, Texas School Safety Center [www.txssc.txstate.edu](http://www.txssc.txstate.edu).

**Campus Security Audit**, Security on Campus, [www.securityoncampus.org](http://www.securityoncampus.org)

**Los Angeles School District Environmental School Safety Compliance Checklist**, <http://bit.ly/nNxhzF>.

**Safe Havens International Tactical Site Survey Template**, Safe Havens International, [www.safehavensinternational.org/freeresources\\_main.php](http://www.safehavensinternational.org/freeresources_main.php)

### **III. Threat Assessment Resources**

**Threat Assessment Resources**, Indiana Department of Education  
<http://www.doe.in.gov/issas/threat-assessment/welcome.html>

**The school shooter: A threat assessment perspective**, National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime, [www.doe.in.gov/issas/threat-assessment/docs/FBI\\_report.pdf](http://www.doe.in.gov/issas/threat-assessment/docs/FBI_report.pdf)

**Threat assessment in schools: A guide to managing threatening situations and to creating safe school climates**, United States Secret Service, [www.secretservice.gov/ntac/ssi\\_guide.pdf](http://www.secretservice.gov/ntac/ssi_guide.pdf)

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