

Covenant School Safety Group

The 90-Second Safety Scan

One Simple Step That Improves School Safety Today

What It Is

Once each day, pause for 90 seconds and scan your environment as if you were seeing it for the first time. This simple habit builds situational awareness and helps identify small issues before they become larger problems.

How to Use the 90-Second Safety Scan

Stop where you are. Look around deliberately. You are not conducting an inspection or an audit. You are simply noticing what feels out of place, unclear, or unsupervised.

During Your Scan, Look For:

- Doors that are propped or unsecured when they should not be
- Unsupervised spaces during arrival, transitions, or dismissal
- Blocked sightlines, cluttered hallways, or obstructed exits
- Staff distracted by phones, paperwork, or competing tasks
- Adults or visitors who seem out of place or unaccounted for

Additional Safety Hints

- Ask yourself: Would a substitute or new staff member recognize what to do here?
- Notice where students naturally congregate and whether supervision matches that reality
- Pay attention to routines that have quietly changed over time
- Watch for assumptions staff make that are not written down
- Consider how clearly expectations are communicated during busy times

Why This Matters

Most safety failures begin as small, overlooked issues. The 90-Second Safety Scan reinforces awareness, clarity, and accountability without disrupting the school day or requiring additional resources.

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