



## **Fire Marshal's Alert!**

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### **Mandatory School Fire Exit Drills Save Lives**

The Texas State Fire Marshal's Office wants you to know that:

Fire exit drills teach students the proper procedures for escaping from a school fire. These drills may provide the *only* formal training in proper fire escape procedures during the rest of their lives.

Properly conducted and documented school fire drills and fire safety education will save lives and may help lower local fire insurance rates.

Principals and teachers should conduct the required fire exit drills in a serious manner and instruct the students in proper fire safety escape techniques.

Local fire codes and state fire safety rules require monthly fire exit drills in all schools (public and private), grades K thru 12.

All students, teachers and staff are required to participate in the monthly fire exit drills.

Fire exit drills should be conducted at different times during the day and on varying days each month.

Contact local fire officials for assistance in conducting monthly school fire exit drills.

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