



Parent Safety & Emergency Preparedness Guide

Our Commitment to Student Safety

At Borculo Christian School, student safety is rooted in preparation, clarity, and care. We believe that a well-prepared school community fosters confidence, calm, and trust—especially during unexpected situations.

Our approach balances:

- Physical safety
- Emotional well-being
- Clear communication
- Partnership with families and first responders

The *I Love U Guys* Standard Response Protocol

Borcuso Christian School uses the **I Love U Guys Foundation Standard Response Protocol (SRP)**, a nationally recognized school safety framework.

Why We Use I Love U Guys SRP

- Provides **simple, consistent language**
- Aligns staff, students, and emergency responders
- Reduces confusion during high-stress situations
- Is developmentally appropriate and adaptable

Students hear the *same language* year after year, helping them respond calmly and confidently.



The Five Standard Response Actions

Students and staff may practice the following actions throughout the year:

Hold

- Used when hallways need to remain clear
- Instruction continues inside classrooms
- Example: medical situation in the hallway

Secure

- Used when a threat is **outside** the building
- Exterior doors are locked
- Normal classroom activity continues inside

Lockdown

- Used when a threat is **inside** the building
- Doors are locked, lights are turned off
- Students remain quiet and out of sight

Evacuate

- Used when it is safer to leave the building
- Students move to a predetermined location
- Reunification procedures follow if needed

Shelter

- Used for weather-related events
- Students move to designated safe areas
- Example: tornado warnings



How Drills Are Conducted

- Drills are practiced **regularly**, following state and local guidelines
- Teachers explain expectations **before and after drills**
- Language and procedures are tailored to students' ages
- Emotional reassurance is prioritized

Our goal is **preparedness, not fear**.

Communication with Parents

During a Drill

- Routine drills may not always trigger a notification
- If a drill significantly impacts the school day, families will be informed

During a Real Emergency

- Families will receive communication via official school channels
- Information will be shared as soon as it is safe and appropriate
- Parents are asked **not to come to campus unless directed**

This allows emergency responders to work efficiently and ensures student safety.

Reunification Procedures

If a situation requires student reunification:

- Parents will receive **clear instructions**
- Identification will be required
- Students will only be released through established procedures

These steps protect students and ensure accountability.



How Parents Can Partner with the School

Parents play an important role in school safety by:

- Using calm, consistent language when discussing drills
- Reassuring children that drills help keep everyone safe
- Contacting the school office with questions or concerns
- Trusting established procedures during emergencies

Preparedness is a shared responsibility.

Final Reassurance

Safety planning is an act of care. By preparing thoughtfully and practicing together, we help ensure Borculo Christian School remains a place where students feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.