

TOWN OF NEEDHAM SCHOOL SAFETY INITIATIVES



Needham Police School Resource Officers partner with the Needham Public Schools to:

- Build positive relationships and connect with students, staff and parents, helping to maintain a safe and nurturing school environment.
- Provide training on ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate), the new school safety protocol.
- Collaborate with school administrators on emergency crisis planning, building security matters, truancy and bullying situations.
- Work with guidance counselors and other student support staff to assist students when needed.
- Provide training for school personnel in handling crisis situations.

Needham Fire Department's Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten fire safety program includes:

- Teaching students how to dial 911
- Telling students what to do when the smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm sounds
- Practicing "Stop, Drop and Roll" and "Crawl Low Under Smoke"
- Discussing the importance of escape plans and having a meeting place
- Instructing students to stay away from hot things

The Third grade fire safety program includes:

- Teaching students about fire and key safety words
- Providing information on the role of the firefighter
- Letting students know how to report a fire or other emergency
- Providing information about what to do when the smoke alarm or carbon monoxide alarm sounds
- Practicing "Stop, Drop and Roll" and "Crawl Low Under Smoke"
- Discussing escape plans, two ways out and having a meeting place
- Talking about avoiding hot things and what to do in the event of a burn
- Reminding students that matches and lighters are to be used by adults - only in very rare circumstances by children with adult supervision (i.e., Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts camping)
- Explaining that the careless use and disposal of smoking-related materials can lead to preventable fires, injuries and even death
- Teaching students that tobacco is harmful to their health and can lead to life threatening illnesses

The Needham Fire Department also participates in many school activities such as school fairs.

