

INFORMATION ON SAFE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

(Collaborative Partnership between the Department of Basic Education and SAPS)

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Name of school:
Name of Principal:
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The Department of Basic Education (DBE) and the South African Police Service (SAPS) acknowledge that the prevention of crime and violence in schools is a shared mandate that calls for collaboration between the two Departments. The partnership between the DBE and SAPS supports the objectives and priorities that drive the activities of both departments to reduce crime and violence in schools and in communities.

The focus of this partnership is on the following priorities:

1. To establish and strengthen Safe School Committees in addressing crime and violence in schools;
2. To ensure that the delegated police officers assume an active role as a member of Safe School Committees;
3. To link all schools to local Police Stations;
4. To raise awareness amongst children and young learners regarding crime and violence and its impact on individuals, families and education;
5. To mobilise communities to take ownership of schools;
6. To encourage the establishment of reporting systems at schools and
7. To implement school-based crime prevention programmes in schools.

The Safe School Committee is positioned to respond to the prevention, management, support and reduction of crime and violence in schools as implied by the Constitution and further articulated by the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No 84 of 1996): Regulations for Safety Measures at all Public Schools, as amended.

Therefore:

School Safety Committees are obligated to provide a safe and conducive environment in which learners can learn, grow, develop and reach their full potential.

Not limited to the following responsibilities, Safe School Committees must:

1. Ensure the personal safety, well being, health and security of all learners and teachers;
2. Mobilise all relevant stakeholders (SGB members, teachers, learners, support staff, security personnel and parents), as well as external stakeholders (NGOs, CBOs, FBOs, Departments of Health, Social Development., SAPS, etc.) to address violence in schools;
3. Develop and implement a Safe School Plan;
4. Conduct risk assessments on an annual basis;
5. Implement appropriate prevention, early intervention, management and support programmes to curb crime and violence in schools;
6. Identify and report on incidences of crime and violence on a regular (monthly basis) to the District Office (education) and the relevant local SAPS official and
7. Establish reporting mechanisms in collaboration with District and Provincial offices.



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SAFE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Name and contact details of the Chairperson of the Safe School Committee

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Contact details; Tel:

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Name and contact details of the Secretariat of the Safe School Committee

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Designation: _____

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Name and contact details of at least three other members of the Safe School Committee

Name: _____

Designation: _____

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LINKING OF YOUR SCHOOL TO A LOCAL POLICE STATION

Name and Contact details of the Local Police Station.

Name: _____

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Name and Contact details of the Station Commander.

Name: _____

Contact details; Tel:

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Name and contact details of SAPS official responsible for School Safety linked to your school

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Contact details; Tel:

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SCHOOL STAMP

SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE STAMP

Signature of Principal: _____

Signature of Station Commander: _____

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