

## WHAT: Shelter- In the event of an emergency at Indian Point

Our school District is 16 miles from Indian Point. Designated schools in the 10-mile radius will be evacuated and will be sheltered in TZHS. If this event occurs, we will shelter all of our students in their buildings until we receive specific directives from the County Executive.

All buses that service Rockland County schools will be utilized and coordinated to evacuate the children in the 10-mile radius first. This means that our students will be transported home by bus AFTER the schools inside the 10-mile radius have been brought to their sheltered locations.

South Orangetown parents have the option of coming to the school to pick up their children or waiting until the buses are available to transport their children home. At the present time, there is no information on how long this wait for buses would be.

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***The County Executive will direct all Rockland schools as to what actions they must take.***

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**Away games:** If our students are at another school, they will follow the procedures of that school district.

**Medications:** Contact your school nurse to make sure that they have your child's medicine on hand.

**Field trips:** We understand parental concern about their children participating on field trips. Our policy is that cancellation of field trips will be determined, case by case, based on information at the time.

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For the free brochure, "Emergency Planning for Indian Point" from the Rockland County Office of Fire and Emergency Services, call 364-8800 or view it on-line at [www.co.rockland.ny.us/](http://www.co.rockland.ny.us/). We have this site linked to our website. To view it, click on "Emergency Procedures."

## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Update ALL emergency cards. Keep your emergency contact numbers current with:
  - your school and teachers
  - your family members
  - your friends
- Hold a family meeting and discuss the "what if's." Make sure your children understand your family's emergency plan. Share this plan with your neighbors, friends and family.
- When visiting our schools, please abide by our sign-in policy. Wear your visitor's pass when in the building.
- Please do not park in the fire lanes at our schools. The curbs of these "no parking" areas are painted bright yellow.
- In a school emergency, please refrain from coming to the school. The roads and schools must be kept clear for emergency workers.
- Register today for a free emergency e-mail notification at [www.socsd.org](http://www.socsd.org).
- In an emergency, check our website: [www.socsd.org](http://www.socsd.org)
- Tune in to the following radio and TV stations:

WCBS-880 AM, WOR-710 AM, WFAS-103.9 FM & 1230 AM, WLNA-1420 AM, WHUD-100.7 FM, WBNR-1260 AM, WRCR-1300 AM, WVNJ-1160 AM.  
Television: RNN Cable Channel 19, WNYW-Channel 5, and WNBC-Channel 4.



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT:

# *Emergency Procedures*

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## The Codes

***“We are cautious, pro-active and always revising our emergency plans.”***

Ken Mitchell, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

Next to education, the South Orangetown Central School District regards student safety as a top priority. The Superintendent and Administrators actively work to keep our emergency procedures current as we respond to the changing nature of emergencies.

### WHAT WE ARE DOING ABOUT SAFETY:

- We work closely with local police and fire agencies to keep them updated on our school floor plans and emergency procedures.
- Superintendents of other school districts exchange emergency procedure information.
- The BOCES emergency team keeps us informed of new technologies and training procedures. BOCES is called in to handle serious threats.
- Each of our schools has an “Emergency Plan” handbook.
- We have a Student Resource Officer (SRO) at TZHS. This police officer interacts daily with students, conducts workshops and is a presence in the building during emergencies.

- Security personnel are contracted to provide security every day at each of our buildings and events.
- Buildings are locked and alarmed every evening and on weekends.
- We require that all visitors sign-in and wear visitor tags in all buildings. Staff members in all buildings are on the alert to look for visitors in our buildings.
- All staff members wear ID badges.
- Only the front doors of buildings are unlocked. All other doors can only be opened by using a private access code.
- **In an emergency, to notify you, we will:**
  - 1-Post the notice on our website,**  
**[www.socsd.org](http://www.socsd.org)**
  - 2-Notify the radio and television stations**  
**listed on the reverse side of this brochure.**
  - 3-Send you a notification via e-mail.**  
**Register today at [www.socsd.org](http://www.socsd.org).**
  - 4-Advise you through K-12 Alerts Phone**  
**Message System**
- For an emergency that is isolated to a specific building, we will also activate Rockland County’s emergency system, **Reverse 911**. This service will make an emergency, pre-recorded phone message to your contact number as well as use our K-12 Alerts Message System

***In any National or County-wide emergency, we take directives from the County Executive.***

The procedures below were developed by Rockland County’s Homeland Security Advisory System (RCHSAS) in 2003 and are followed by all Rockland school districts. Since we cannot predict the nature of an emergency in advance, we recommend that you familiarize yourself with the following codes:

### **WHAT: Code Red- Lockdown**

To be used when there is a **specific** internal or external threat to one of our schools. This is a police matter. Police and other emergency personnel will be present on the school grounds.

The school is “locked down.” Blinds are drawn and children are kept inside their classroom with the windows and doors shut. Outside doors are locked. No one will be allowed entry onto the school premises or into the building until we have received clearance from the Police to re-enter the building.

### **WHAT: County Executive Code Red- Lockout**

To be used when there is an **anticipated** external threat to schools in the County. Directives will be given by the County Executive. Police and other emergency personnel will be present on the school grounds and on high alert.

Same as Code Red above, EXCEPT parents will be able to pick-up their children. If your child has been given permission to leave with another adult, that adult will need to present a photo ID to enter the building.

### **WHAT: Code Blue- Evacuation**

To be used when there is any emergency situation that warrants evacuation of students and staff from a specific building.

Depending on the nature of the emergency, students will either remain outside or will move to a pre-determined “shelter” near their school. After the evacuation period is over, students will return to their schools, or parents will be advised where they can pick up their children.

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**We have been commended by BOCES  
for our handling of emergencies.**

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