

5007: VIOLENCE THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT (VTRA) (AP)

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POLICY

School District 70 is committed to creating and maintaining school environments in which students, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers and others feel safe from any form of threat, violence or intimidation. Schools cannot ignore any threat of violence and the purpose of this administrative procedure is to outline a comprehensive district-wide strategy by which School District 70 (Alberni) and the RCMP work together to respond to threats of violence and to worrisome behaviours.

Definitions

Threat: A threat is any expression of intent to do harm or to act out violently against someone, something or oneself. A threat may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet or by gesture.

Worrisome Behaviours: Worrisome behaviour is any observed behavior that causes concern and may require action. Worrisome behaviour may be verbal, written, drawn, posted on the internet or by gesture.

Duty to Report: Parents/guardians/caregivers, students and community members must report all threat-related behaviours to the school principal and, if the threat appears realistic and imminent, report to 911.

Threat Assessment: Once a report of a threat is made, the school threat assessment team convenes to determine the level of threat (high, medium, low). This is done in partnership with RCMP and district staff.

Procedures

1.0 THREAT IDENTIFICATION

- 1.1 Parents/guardians/caregivers, students and community members must report all threat-related behaviours to the school Principal
- 1.2 Threats that appear realistic and imminent should be reported directly to 911

2.0 THREAT ASSESSMENT

- 2.1 Upon receipt of a threat, a threat assessment will be conducted to:
 - 2.1.1 Ensure that all students, staff and parents/guardians are safe.

- 2.1.2 Understand the full context of the threat.
- 2.1.3 Understand the factors contributing to the threat maker's behavior.
- 2.1.4 Proactively develop an intervention plan that addresses the physical safety of the threat maker and target.
- 2.1.5 Determine the level of RCMP involvement and school reaction to the threat.

3.0 PRIVACY

- 3.1 The School District is subject to personal information privacy laws, and will undertake the collection of this information in compliance with the requirements of such laws, including by limiting collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and by ensuring that the information collected from online sources are only obtained from open source sites.
- 3.2 The School District will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to law enforcement authorities in appropriate circumstances.

References

[P510: Safe, Caring and Orderly Schools](#)