

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

PROTECTING YOUR CAMPUS FROM SUMMER VANDALISM

Every summer there is an increase in vandalism to school property due to the limited staff on campus. May through August is the time when schools and colleges are closed, creating an increased risk for fire, water, and weather-related damage as well as crimes such as vandalism, arson, and theft.



Prepare your campus by working with your administration and local law enforcement on a security plan for patrolling vacated properties. You may consider including the facilities and summer school staff so they can support summer prevention and safety efforts.

Before the summer closure, review with staff the policy and procedure for entering the campus during the summer months. Consider the following to protect vacant properties during the summer months:

- ❖ If schools continue to be in session, remind staff that security protocols remain in effect for both staff and visitors – there are no exceptions.
- ❖ Keep unoccupied buildings, rooms, and spaces locked when not in use. Secure all perimeter doors and windows with deadbolt locks – if a

door is found open ask staff to report to the appropriate district leader.

- ❖ Identify a protocol in the summer months for conducting regular “walk-throughs” of the closed property at various times of the day to note any changes.
- ❖ Make sure that periodic checks are conducted on the bus fleets and service vehicles to ensure they are not targeted for their fuel, copper, or batteries.
- ❖ If fuel is dispensed onsite, ensure that the bulk fuel dispenser and cap are secured to avoid siphoning.
- ❖ Make sure that cameras remain operating, and alarms are in service.
- ❖ Verify warning signs are posted indicating that the premises are alarmed and under video surveillance.
- ❖ Ensure valuables are stored and locked in cabinets not left in plain sight.
- ❖ Consider turning off or unplugging electrical equipment and utilities that are not necessary for protection or security.
- ❖ Connect with local law enforcement to identify prevention resources available.
- ❖ Review any anonymous reporting program you may be using, such as [WeTip](#), and make sure that your posters and messages are custom as to what is being asked of the community to report.

If your district sustains property loss, contact Noel Waldvogel, Claims Manager at (916) 245-3523 or claims_info@ascip.org.

Please contact your ASCIP Risk Services Consultant or our Risk Services team at RM_Info@ascip.org for questions or to discuss further.

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