

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SECURITY**

Public school buildings and grounds are one of the greatest investments of the town and district. It is deemed in the best interest of the school department and town to protect the investment adequately.

Security means maintaining controlled access to buildings, including video and audio surveillance, protection from fire hazards and faulty equipment, and safe practices for use of electrical, plumbing, and heating equipment. The Committee expects close cooperation with fire and law enforcement departments and with insurance company inspectors.

Each district building will be appropriately signed to aid the public when visiting our schools. Access to school buildings and grounds outside of regular school hours will be limited to district personnel. Each building will be equipped with a key control system limiting building access to authorized personnel thereby safeguarding the school against access by unauthorized persons. Protective devices, such as video cameras, designed to be used as safeguards against illegal entry, theft and/or vandalism will be installed in each building.. Employment of watchmen may be approved in situations where special risks are involved. Each building and grounds will be appropriately signed to inform the public of surveillance.

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