



# UNLOCKING CAMPUS LOCKDOWN

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### Principles of Effective Campus Lockdowns



#### **Lockdown is a functional protocol used to protect campuses**

Lockdown is a concept that fits in a group of what are called “functional protocols” — which are used to help colleges and universities stay safe in emergency situations.

#### **Emergency preparedness plans should be specific**

As awareness of emergency issues grow, plans must become more refined to deal with every situation. Many campuses lack specific emergency preparedness plans.



#### **Staff is more likely to initiate lockdown when there are different levels for various types of emergencies**

Many schools expect staff members to be responsible for enacting emergency protocols. But staff may hesitate to call a lockdown unless the situation is very serious for fear of disrupting the school — or looking foolish. Having different levels of lockdown can encourage the use of emergency systems.

#### **Balance open campus culture with security**

Doors that lock — and that are always locked — can mean the difference between life and death. Seek out ways to maintain the campus culture of openness while prioritizing security.



#### **Emergency training should be a top priority**

Campus leadership must prioritize emergency training for all staff members, no matter how daunting that may seem. While people inherently know they should secure themselves, staff members need to be trained on emergency procedures and given the tools to ensure everyone’s safety.

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