

NRS 388.229–388.266: Emergency Operations, Crisis Response, and Suicide Prevention

NRS 388.229 – Definitions

As used in NRS 388.229 to 388.266, inclusive, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 388.231 to 388.2359, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1323; A 2011, 1074; 2015, 199; 2017, 2728, 4013; 2019, 1763, 3239)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 392.600)

NRS 388.231 – “Crisis” Defined

“Crisis” means a traumatic and sudden event or emergency condition that:

1. Involves violence;
2. Profoundly and negatively affects or will affect pupils or employees of a public school, or both;
3. Occurs on the property of a public school, at an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus while the bus is engaged in its official duties for a public school; and
4. May involve serious injury or death.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1323)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 392.604)

NRS 388.232 – “Development Committee” Defined

[Replaced in revision by NRS 388.2335.]

NRS 388.233 – “Emergency” Defined

“Emergency” means an occurrence or threatened occurrence for which action is necessary to save lives, protect property, protect the health and safety of persons, or avert the threat of damage to property or injury to persons, on the property of a public school, at an activity sponsored by a public school or on a school bus while the bus is engaged in its official duties for a public school.

(Added to NRS by 2011, 1073)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 392.609)

NRS 388.2335 – “Emergency Operations Plan Development Committee” Defined

“Emergency operations plan development committee” means a committee established pursuant to NRS 388.241.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1323; A 2021, 634)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 388.232)

NRS 388.234 – “Local Organization for Emergency Management” Defined

“Local organization for emergency management” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 414.036.

(Added to NRS by 2011, 1074)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 392.610)

NRS 388.2343 – “Lockdown” Defined

“Lockdown” means a circumstance in which persons on school property are restricted to the interior of a school building and isolated from threats until the school property and surrounding vicinity are deemed secure by:

1. If the school district has school police officers, the chief of school police or a designee; or
2. If the school district does not have school police officers, the school resource officer or designee, or if none, a local law enforcement agency.

(Added to NRS by 2017, 2727)

NRS 388.2345 – “Public Safety Agency” Defined

“Public safety agency” means:

1. A public fire department, fire protection district, or similar agency whose primary functions are fire suppression;
2. A law enforcement agency as defined in NRS 277.035; or
3. An emergency medical service.

(Added to NRS by 2015, 198)

NRS 388.23457 — “Public School” Defined

“Public school” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 385.007.

(Added to NRS by 2017, 4011)

NRS 388.235 — “School Committee” Defined

“School committee” means a committee established pursuant to NRS 388.247.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1323)—(Substituted in revision for NRS 392.612)

NRS 388.2358 — “School Resource Officer” Defined

“School resource officer” means a school police officer, deputy sheriff, or other peace officer employed by a local law enforcement agency who is assigned to one or more schools, interacts directly with pupils, and whose responsibilities include providing guidance and information concerning crime prevention.

(Added to NRS by 2017, 2727; A 2019, 3239)

NRS 388.2359 — “Suicide” Defined

“Suicide” means the suicide of a pupil, teacher, or other member of the community of a public school.

(Added to NRS by 2017, 4011)

NRS 388.241 — Emergency Operations Plan Development Committee

1. Each school district and charter school shall establish an emergency operations plan development committee to develop a minimum-requirements plan for responding to a crisis, emergency, suicide, and all other hazards.
2. Required membership includes:
 - (a) A governing body member;
 - (b) A school administrator;
 - (c) A licensed teacher;
 - (d) A non-licensed school employee;
 - (e) A parent or legal guardian;
 - (f) A local law enforcement representative;
 - (g) A school police officer, if applicable;
 - (h) An emergency management representative;
 - (i) A county or district health board representative;
 - (j) A mental health professional, including a counselor, psychologist, or licensed social worker.
3. Optional members may include pupils in grade 10 or higher and legal professionals.
4. Governing bodies determine terms and committee governance.
(Added to NRS by 2001, 1323; A 2011, 1074; 2017, 4013; 2019, 3239; 2021, 634)

NRS 388.243 — Development and Use of Emergency Operations Plan

1. Committees shall consult with social service agencies, public safety agencies, emergency managers, school resource officers, school police, emergency management authorities, and fire safety officials.
2. Plans must include crisis response, discipline enforcement, mental health services, extracurricular response procedures, suicide recovery strategies, command hierarchy, active assailant coordination, trauma-informed support, notification procedures, and firearm storage law notifications.
3. Plans must be reviewed and submitted to governing bodies and the Division of Emergency Management.
4. Schools must comply with the plan unless a deviation is approved.
(Added to NRS by 2001, 1324; A 2011, 1075; 2015, 199; 2017, 2729, 4014; 2019, 3240; 2021, 635, 2092; 2023, 2841)

NRS 388.245 — Annual Review, Posting, Training, and Grants

Emergency operations plans must be reviewed annually, updated, posted online, distributed to agencies, and used for annual staff training. Governing bodies may accept gifts and grants to support compliance.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1325; A 2011, 1075; 2015, 200; 2017, 2729, 4015; 2019, 2466, 3242; 2021, 636, 2093; 2023, 69)

NRS 388.246 — Compliance Reporting and Audits

The Division of Emergency Management shall report annually on compliance and may conduct random audits of plans.

(Added to NRS by 2019, 3232; A 2021, 2094)

NRS 388.247 — School Committee

Each public school principal shall establish a school committee to review the emergency operations plan and recommend deviations.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1326; A 2017, 4016; 2019, 3243)

NRS 388.249 — School Committee Review

School committees must review plans annually, consider school-specific needs, and notify development committees of proposed deviations.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1326; A 2011, 1076; 2017, 4017; 2019, 3243; 2021, 637, 2094)

NRS 388.251 — Review of Deviations

Emergency operations plan development committees must review and approve or deny proposed deviations within 60 days.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1326; A 2021, 638)

NRS 388.253 — Department Model Plan

The Department shall develop, review annually, and disseminate a model plan for crisis, emergency, suicide, and hazard management.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1327; A 2011, 1077; 2015, 201; 2017, 210, 2730, 4017; 2019, 1764, 2616, 3244; 2021, 638, 2095, 3108)

NRS 388.255 — State Board Regulations

The State Board shall adopt regulations governing plan development, deviations, and training.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1327; A 2011, 1077; 2017, 4018)

NRS 388.256 — Suicide Prevention Policy

School districts and charter schools serving grades 7–12 shall adopt, review, and post suicide prevention policies.

(Added to NRS by 2019, 1760)

NRS 388.2565 — Training for School Resource Officers

School resource officers must receive suicide prevention training.

(Added to NRS by 2019, 1762)

NRS 388.257 — Duties During Crisis, Emergency, or Suicide

Principals and agencies must respond according to approved plans and coordinate with state and local resources as needed.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1327; A 2011, 1077; 2015, 202; 2017, 4018; 2021, 2097)

NRS 388.259 — Confidentiality

Plans, deviations, and related materials are confidential and exempt from disclosure.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1328; A 2007, 2100; 2015, 202; 2017, 2731, 4019; 2019, 1062, 3245; 2021, 640)

NRS 388.261 — Open Meeting Law Inapplicability

Certain meetings related to crisis and emergency planning are exempt from the Open Meeting Law.

(Added to NRS by 2001, 1328; A 2015, 203; 2019, 3246; 2021, 640, 2098)

NRS 388.262 – Emergency Manager

School districts in counties of 100,000 or more must designate a full-time emergency manager.

(Added to NRS by 2017, 2727)

NRS 388.264 – Consultation on School Safety

School districts and charter schools must consult appropriate safety officials before construction or acquisition of school facilities.

(Added to NRS by 2017, 2727; A 2021, 2098)

NRS 388.265 – Annual Safety Conference

The Department shall coordinate an annual conference on public school safety.

(Added to NRS by 2017, 2728; A 2019, 3246; 2021, 2099)

NRS 388.266 – Block Grants for Mental Health Workers

The Department shall administer block grants to support social workers and mental health workers in schools.

(Added to NRS by 2017, 2728)