**School alert thresholds**

The School alert thresholds are a guide only – principals and regional staff should risk assess each incident to determine if an alert is required.

| **Category** | **Critical – Alert required** | **Non-Critical – Alert not required** |
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| **Abduction** | * Confirmed abduction of student. | * N/A – School alert to be completed for all confirmed abductions. |
| **Attempted abduction** | * Attempted abduction of student. * Unknown person or car following or approaching students. | * N/A – School alert to be completed for all attempted abductions. |
| **Armed threat** | * Armed threat or incident where weapons are involved. * Police action, involving an armed offender, close to the school during school hours, resulting in lockdown. | * N/A – School alert to be completed for all armed threats. |
| **Bomb threat** | * Bomb threat made directly to the school or to a third party such as the local Police, about the school. | * N/A – School alert to be completed for all bomb threats. |
| **Fatality**  **WHS Class: 1 Death** | * Incident of current student or staff member death. * Incident of parent or community member’s death that affects school or is on school grounds. | * Incident of parent or community member’s death that is not on school grounds and/or does not directly affect the school. |
| **Medical emergency/Hospital admission**  **WHS Class: 2** | * Attempted suicide by staff member or student. * Confirmed case of staff/student with a contagious condition which significantly impact a school or invoke media interest. * Hospitalisation of student/staff member for the treatment of traumatic injuries sustained during school hours. | * Suspected case of a contagious condition. * Student or staff member involved in a minor car accident. * Ambulance in attendance at a school event or called as a precaution. * Treatment by the school’s first aid officer for a minor condition or injury. |
| **Missing student** | * Police involvement. * Media presence at the school. * Incident where a student in out-of-home care is missing. | * Student runs out of the school grounds and is located shortly afterwards. * Student missing from home at night or over the weekend whom the Police do not yet consider is missing. |
| **Natural disaster** | * Any natural event that directly disrupts the delivery of educational services (i.e. extensive damage to school buildings and facilities, power and water supplies to the school disrupted for extended length of time). * Any natural disaster that directly impacts staff and/or student health. * No safe access to the school due to damage caused to roads and bridges and/or extensive flooding. | * Schools closed in accordance with an extreme weather event warning issued by the Queensland Government and/or the Bureau of Meteorology. * Bushfire nearby but school not directly affected. * Flooding of local creek that does not impact safe school access. |
| **School facilities** | * School buildings affected by fire. * Gas or chemical leak where students and/or staff are affected. * Damage from vandalism preventing the normal operation of classes. | * Damage that does not prevent the normal operation of classes. * Asbestos related incidents –report to the regional Facilities Officer (does not require duplicate reporting). |
| **Student behaviour** | * Behaviour affecting the delivery of educational services, student/staff safety or adversely impacting on the school’s reputation (i.e. media or social media). * Arrest or charging of a student by the Police which directly impacts the school’s reputation (i.e. media or social media). | * Exclusions. * Suspensions. * Fighting or bullying dealt with at school level. |
| **Threat to personal safety** | * Serious assault by or of a student or staff member during school hours. * Suspicious person on school grounds or nearby vicinity involving QPS and resulting in lockdown. * Member of the public watching or photographing students. * Credible social media threats against the school, staff or students. | * Members of the public on school grounds or using school facilities. |
| **Transport** | * Bus/vehicle accidents where students/staff are injured and hospitalised:   + within the school grounds; or   + while travelling to or from school. | * Bus/vehicle breakdowns or accidents with no harm to staff or students. * Accident where only minor medical attention is required. |

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