

When crisis affects our country or neighborhoods it is natural to ask these question, “How do we talk about this in a comforting and reassuring way to our own students when they ask?” and “What about our school? How safe are we?”

In hopes of answering these questions here are several links to websites and pages that we feel will provide you and your schools with helpful information:

### **Resources for Talking to Students:**

Primary to all of these resources is the fact that we CAN in our schools share the comfort of Jesus Christ and the hope and comfort only He can bring. We CAN also PRAY with our students and families. That is our primary resource.

<http://www.fci.org/new-site/par-tragic-events.html> (The Fred Rogers Company – good resource for younger children. Also has a bulleted list of Helpful Hints)

<http://marysaggies.blogspot.com/2012/12/how-to-talk-to-your-kids-about-tragedy.html> (From the Catholic Church, provides an “Ages and Stages” list of how to respond to children. Short and to the point)

<http://www.apa.org/topics/violence/school-shooting.aspx> (From the American Psychological Association)

<http://www.psychiatry.org/mental-health/talking-to-children-about-disasters> (From the American Psychiatric Association)

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/cp/tragedy.asp> (from the CA Dept. of Education)

### **Resources for School Safety Plan:**

<http://elcerrito.patch.com/articles/california-officials-urge-review-of-school-safety-plans-in-wake-of-newtown-tragedy#pdf-12597352> (Memo from Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Education)

<http://www.calema.ca.gov/PlanningandPreparedness/Pages/Schools.aspx> (from California Emergency Management Agency, Direct link to School Safety Page)

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/vp/sscollab.asp> (Information for working with students, parents, community, and law enforcement as it relates to school safety)

<http://lausd-oehs.org/docs/ModelSSP/ModelSafeSchoolPlanV2Template.pdf> (LAUSD School Safety Plan template [from 2003, but still a good starting point])

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/vp/sschecklist.asp> (Safe Schools Planning Checklist)