

Issue Brief



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Best Safety Practices for Portable Classrooms

Lock the Door - Classrooms should be locked and unlocked from inside by the teacher.

Place the portables within site of the main building - Portables should be placed as close together, near the main building while remaining in compliance with fire code requirements, with isolated portables monitored by camera.

Maintain visibility - Entryways to portable classrooms should also be visible from main building and be ADA compliant.

Emergency plans - Plan and practice emergency response plans.

Communications are key - Install or provide communication devices to allow communication to and from classroom. Consider "panic" buttons.

Fencing - Install a security fence around campus and place portables within fence.

Think logistics - Run power and computer cabling underground when possible.

Place classrooms to maximize visibility - Allow people on the inside to see people on the outside.

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