

Chinook's Edge adopts new safety program

While schools are considered to be one of the safest places in our communities, in reality emergencies can occur anywhere, at any time. Chinook's Edge takes seriously the responsibility to maintain readiness to respond to emergencies, and prioritize student and staff safety in our buildings.

Starting in September 2024, Chinook's Edge has adopted the use of Hour-Zero, which is a school emergency program, used by agencies throughout North America.

While we have always had safety plans in place, through Hour-Zero we have access to the same language used by emergency responders in our community. Also, Hour-Zero's ongoing staff training and support are valuable tools for us.

Each school has an on-site emergency response team, which is supported by the division emergency response team. Staff is trained on emergency protocols with drills being practiced at each school to ensure students and staff are prepared to act quickly and to minimize confusion and fear in a real emergency.

We invite you to take a moment to review [this guide](#) for parents / guardians, which outlines protocols and language we will use in emergency situations, as well as how we will communicate with you. Also, on the Chinook's Edge website [here](#), there is a video summary of what you can expect.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your school's principal or vice-principal.