Making Old Schools Safer
It is Possible!

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Let’s look at some low-cost interventions that can enhance school safety.

- Provide training for your local fire, police, and emergency responders. They should understand the layout of your school facility: where the phones are located, where master controls are located, and how to operate the intercom and or bell system.
- Design the outside school property with appropriate signage, vegetation, fencing, and clearly defined boundaries.
- Assure there are no obstacles or landscaping obscuring the view of the entrances and exits; have periodical checks to ensure these areas have clear views.
- Keep the outdoor lighting well maintained.
- Place cameras in niches and blind spots around the school building indoors and outdoors.
- Install faceplates on the exterior doors to prevent jimmying of locks.
- Renumber all interior doors and floors of multilevel buildings so that the numbering makes sense and is sequential.
- Develop two-way communication systems between all classrooms or rooms in which children may be served.

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