

Use the following questions to think about ways of increasing safety and security in your school. For more information, see *Mitigating Hazards in School Facilities*, <http://www.ncef.org/safeschools/index.cfm>.

Portable No _____ Location _____ Date _____

■ Has the location of the portable units been carefully thought out to optimize security?

- a) Windows from the main building overlook the school's portable classrooms and the pedestrian paths to them.
- b) Portables are placed together as much as possible to prevent avoidable sprawl, but are sufficiently separated from one another and from permanent structures to meet fire code requirements.
- c) Portables are gathered within security fencing, but have direct access to the main school.
- d) Portables are reasonably close to the main school so students aren't forced to walk long distances between buildings.
- e) Evacuation paths are pre-determined to avoid unreasonable time or distance requirements.
- f) Power and computer cabling are run in a manner that makes them resistant to vandalism, such as underground.
- g) Ramps meet ADA requirements, running 1 foot in length for every inch of rise.
- h) Positioning, lighting and screening decisions maximize natural surveillance between and under portables.
- i) Walkways to portables are direct, logical and well indicated with signs or markings.
- j) Isolated portables are monitored by CCTV cameras.

Yes No Not applicable Further study

Note:

■ Do the portables have adequate internal security features?

- a) Windows or fisheye viewers permit people inside the classroom to see people outside the classroom.
- b) Communication devices, including the PA system, allow teachers and the office to reach each other.
- c) Classrooms can be locked and unlocked from inside the classroom by the teacher.
- d) Sliding windows have lift and slide protection against burglars.

Yes No Not applicable Further study

Note:

■ Does site planning include identifying locations for expansion, either with portables or with new wings that fit into an overall site security plan?

Yes No Not applicable Further study

Note:

■ Are the portables clearly and consistently identified with numbers, words, icons, or colors, without contradictory markings?

Yes No Not applicable Further study

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