Best Practices

As mandated in the Utah State Legislature[Title 53E-3-7: School Construction(External Web Content)](https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title53E/Chapter3/53E-3-P7.html), the Utah State Board of Education shall adopt construction guidelines to *maximize funds used for public school construction and reflect efficient and economic use of those funds*. Also refer to the Utah Office of Administrative Rules [R277-471: School Construction Oversight, Inspections, Training and Reporting(PDF File)](https://www.schools.utah.gov/file/c686cc1c-c0f0-413b-b063-68cb04b9d876), which provides *minimum requirements to safeguard the public health, safety and general welfare of occupants while using the most comprehensive, cost effective and efficient design means and methods.* The tab [School Construction Resources](https://www.schools.utah.gov/financialoperations/constructionfacilitysafety?mid=2173&tid=2) provides facility and facility safety related Best Practices information.

Along with the State of Utah [Emergency Preparedness Planning Guide for Utah Public Schools(PDF File)](https://www.schools.utah.gov/file/4fc3e9a0-b795-4742-a06d-a03b22f6e431) being mandated in the Utah Office of Administrative Rules [R277-400: School Facility Emergency and Safety(PDF File)](https://www.schools.utah.gov/file/d3cb02c5-7806-46b2-8053-3ba66be344ce), it is considered a guideline for best practice relative to Utah K-12 public school safety and security. The Safety and Security website provides additional links to information and examples considered best practice for school facilities.

If you have any questions about facility or safety best practices for K-12 public schools, please feel free to contact School Construction at [schoolconstruction@schools.utah.gov(External Web Content)](mailto:schoolconstruction@schools.utah.gov).