

# School Safety Specialist Overview

**What is a School Safety Specialist:** A school employee (e.g. teacher, school counselor, school social worker, school psychologist) who is responsible for supporting school safety initiatives, including threat assessment described in Subsection [53G-8-802](#).

## Duties

The School Safety Specialist will be a member of a school's multi-disciplinary team to support school leadership with school safety initiatives by:

- Attending the USBE School Safety Center school safety-related training.
- Participating in threat assessment.
- Ensuring the school has adopted Standard Response Protocol™.
- Participating in the administration of the School Climate Survey, reviewing the data, and implementing plans to address gaps.
- Updating the school's Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Response Plan in accordance with R277-400-3.
- Communicating with the school community about what the school is doing for school safety.

## This position DOES NOT

- Replace the role of a School Resource Officer (SRO).
- Enforce student discipline.

## Why

Every public primary and secondary school shall designate a School Safety Specialist in accordance with 53G-8-701.5.

## Support

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) School Safety Center will provide the following training through the Utah School Safety Academy:

- Webinars
- Monthly strategic technical assistance
- [Standard Response Protocol™](#)
- Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines ([CSTAG](#))
- Other school safety-related training

## Questions?

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