

The Preparatory Charter High School will conduct a variety of safety drills throughout the school year, so students and staff are familiar with the procedures associated with each of the drills. We encourage parents to talk about the drills to emphasize the need to stay calm, listen carefully, follow instructions, and wait for further information. While it is our hope that a real emergency never occurs, these drills are an effective practice to ensure that students and staff know what to expect and what to do in various emergency situations.

**lockdown:** The purpose of a school lockdown is to protect everyone in the building from a potential emergency. As with fire drills and other safety drills, the hope is to ensure that our students and staff have a clear understanding of what to do and to do it quickly, effectively and safely.

**Evacuation:** The purpose of an evacuation is if our school building is unsafe, we may have to evacuate to another location. If we must leave our school, we will take students to another location for safety.

**Shelter in place:** The purpose of a shelter in place is in case of weather or unforeseen event, we may take shelter precautions in our school. Students and staff will report to designated areas for their safety.