

Standards of Student Conduct: Bomb Threats

I. Generally

Students shall not engage in any illegal conduct involving firebombs, explosive or incendiary materials or devices or hoax explosive devices or chemical bombs as defined in the Code of Virginia. Moreover, students shall not make any threats or false threats to bomb school personnel or school property.

A. In the event of a bomb threat is made, the school should:

1. Institute a search of the “holding” areas;
2. Move students into the “holding” area and other cleared areas when pronounced clear and safe;
3. Assist police and fire departments along with available personnel in searching the remainder of the building;
4. As areas are cleared and safe, move the students from the holding areas to their usual places; and
5. After everyone is back in their normal stations, file a report with the superintendent.

Legal Reference: (1982) *Legal references expanded.*

Code of Va., 18.2-83. Threats to bomb or damage buildings or means of transportation; false information as danger to such buildings, etc.; punishment; venue.—Any person (a) who makes and communicates to another by any means any threat to bomb, burn, destroy or in any manner damage any place of assembly, building or other structure, or any means of transportation, or (b) who communicates to another, by any means, information, knowing the same to be false, as to the existence of any peril of bombing, burning, destruction or damage to any such place of assembly, building or other structure, or any means of transportation, shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony; provided, however, that if such person be under fifteen years of age, he shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

A violation of this section may be prosecuted either in the jurisdiction from which the communication was made or in the jurisdiction where the communication was received. (1982)

Code of Va., 18.2-84. Causing, inciting, etc., commission of act proscribed by 18.2-83.—“Any person fifteen years of age or over, including the parent of any child, who shall cause, encourage, incite, entice or solicit any person, including a child, to commit any act proscribed by the provisions of 18.2-83, shall be guilty of a Class 5 felony.” (1975)

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