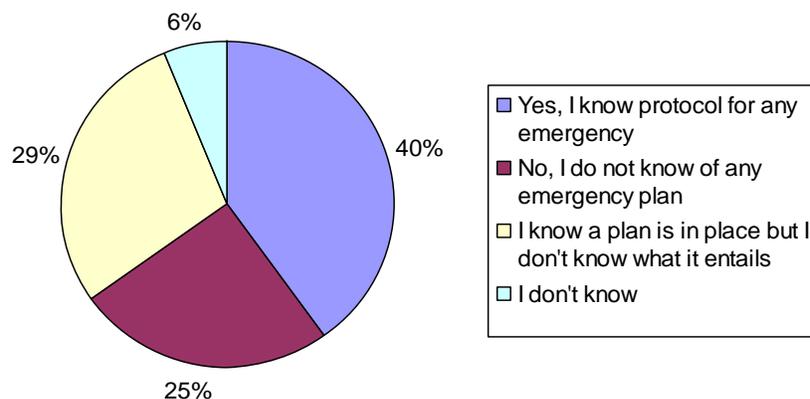


Be Ready: Keep Your Students Safe, Keep Their Parents Informed

A recent survey showed that **only 40 percent** of parents know the protocol for any emergency at their children's schools; **25 percent** of parents do not know of any school emergency plans.



Take action to inform parents about your school's emergency plans:

- **Make it a priority at the beginning of each school year.** On the day your school completes its first fire drill, send home an email or a flyer that helps parents familiarize themselves with the protective actions schools may take during an emergency.
- **Connect it to the Ready Georgia classroom activities.** After educating your students about emergency preparedness, challenge them to see how much their parents know. Send home a quiz about the school's emergency procedures and ask your students to administer it to their parents.
- **Give a short presentation at PTA/PTO meetings.** This also allows parents the opportunity to ask questions and give input.
- **Include emergency preparedness and safety information on the school website.** Place a prominent link on the home page at critical times during the year, such as the first month of school, during National Preparedness Month (September), etc.
- **Publish preparedness tips in the school/grade/classroom newsletter.** Whether it comes out weekly or once a semester, it will give parents a chance to practice disaster drills or learn more about emergency preparedness steps with their children.