



# THE EMERGENCY DISTRACTION

Why Phone-Free  
Students Are Safer  
at School During  
Emergencies



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**1**

## SPREADING MISINFORMATION

- Students can post or text unverified information, which can cause panic and hinder emergency response.

**2**

## OVERLOADING NETWORKS

- Too many calls or texts at once can overload networks, making it hard for emergency services and school officials to communicate.

**3**

## REVEALING LOCATIONS

- Sounds and texts/posts can expose hiding spots to an active threat.

**4**

## DISTRACTING STUDENTS FROM INSTRUCTIONS

- Students focused on texting or recording can miss critical safety instructions from teachers or emergency responders.

**5**

## CREATING PANIC AMONG PARENTS

- A flood of messages from students may cause parents to rush to the school, interfering with emergency vehicle arrival.