

# Northshore Christian Academy

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Dear Parents,

Today NCA completed its second emergency drill of the year! NCA performs emergency drills each month to prepare for a variety of emergency scenarios. The purpose of today's drill was to practice and train students and staff to be prepared for three different emergency responses:

1. Lockdown (external threat)
2. Shelter-in-place (external environmental hazard)
3. Evacuation

This multi-step drill was successful and informative for our students and staff – and we finished ahead of schedule! It is unlikely that NCA would encounter an emergency that would require a this three-step response. However, studies reveal that schools are often required to execute more than one response to common emergency situations.



Shelter-in-place Drill

More about shelter in place scenarios:

Shelter-in-place is a response to an external environmental hazard. Students are sheltered in rooms that are sealed from the outside hazard for a temporary period of time. If such an wide-spread emergency were to occur, it would be important to keep in mind the following guidelines which are also described in this [excerpt from page 35 of the family handbook](#):



Evacuation Drill

*“Do not call the school for information. This ties up the phone lines and hinders us from contacting our emergency resources (ambulance, fire department etc...) We have two out of area schools who will field your calls so that our phone lines can remain open. We will alert them to our emergency and provide them with regular up-dated information. We will give you two business sized cards with this information. Keep one in your wallet and one on your refrigerator. These schools are:*

*Spokane Christian Academy: (509) 924-4888 ([www.spokanechristianacademy.org](http://www.spokanechristianacademy.org))*

*Valley Christian School (509) 924-9131 or (425) 924-0932 ([www.valleychristianschool.org](http://www.valleychristianschool.org))*

*Do not drive to school. Stay where you are and keep safe! Our roads must remain traffic free so that our city's emergency response teams can maneuver quickly. Students will not be released to any parents right after an earthquake or hazardous emergency. NCA staff needs to assess the situation. Coming to the Academy to retrieve your child may contribute to hysteria, and an environment where children feel left out. It is recommended that parents pick up their children 3-4 hours after the emergency unless NCA notifies parents beforehand.”*

Thank you for your support of NCA and helping us keep all NCA students safe!

In His Service,

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