

**ALICE = Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate**



**A Alert**

**L Lockdown**

**I Inform**

**C Counter**

**E Evacuate**

# **ALICE = Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate**

*This is an introduction of ALICE for elementary grade students, ages five through ten. ALICE is an Alert to a dangerous situation as when an intruder is inside the school building. The following serves as a frame work for introducing ALICE, using language understandable to our young population. We also feel it is important that all teachers use a common language when speaking to their students about this important topic.*

## Introduction of ALICE

**Class, we need to talk about something very important. It is something that may help to keep you safe. Please remember the word “ALICE”...like Alice in Wonderland. The ALICE I am going to talk with you about, though, has a different meaning.**

**ALICE is an “alert”. An alert is a warning. When we practice a fire drill, we exit or leave the building because of a possible fire. The safe place to be during a fire is outside of the school. Sometimes we practice a tornado safety drill. During dangerous weather conditions it is safest to remain inside the school in a self -protecting position near an inside wall.**

## ALICE and Evacuation

**We would like to talk about this different kind of safety drill called the ALICE Alert. This is a procedure that will enable us to take action if an *intruder* is in our building. An intruder is a dangerous person.**

**Some actions we will take begin with listening very carefully to your teacher during the ALICE Alert or drill. You may need to exit the building in a familiar way (as in a fire drill) or in a new way. It may be a different exit than you are used to or maybe even a window. I know this may sound funny to you, so we will talk about it and even practice going out the different exits.**

## ALICE and Countering

**There may be times that it is safer to stay in our room. This means that an intruder is in the building and we will remain in our classroom. However, there are still actions we can take to protect ourselves. Some of us might hide hoping the intruder will not see us, and some of us might do things to *distract* the intruder. To distract means to move their attention away from you. Some good ways to distract the intruder would be to move large items into his/her path. Your teacher will be responsible for moving these large items such as tables and desks. (*Teachers, remember to lock and barricade your door.*) We could also *distract* the intruder by throwing things at the person. Items in the classroom such as books, tennis balls, and small chairs, would be examples of things to throw. Let’s talk about some other items in the classroom that might be easy for us to pick up and throw. Remember, boys and girls, the ALICE Alert is a very serious event. It would be the only time we would take such action against another person. We are trying our best to protect ourselves. If you have any questions, let’s discuss!**

**ALICE = Alert Lockdown Inform Counter Evacuate**

**Words which elementary teachers can use when discussing ALICE**

- Alert
- Lockdown
- Inform
- Counter
- Evacuate
- Intruder
- Safe/Safety
- Communicate/Communication
- Distract

**Words elementary teachers want to avoid when discussing ALICE**

- Gun(s)
- Armed Intruder
- Weapon(s)
- Violence
- Attack
- Killing/Killer
- Shooter
- Threat/Threaten
- Victim