

# **School Safety and Security: A Growing Concern in Kenya**

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### **Abstract**

This paper explores the issue of school safety and security in Kenya. Schools are among the safest places for our children. A safe and orderly learning environment is an essential component of any successful school. But the asked is “*Do secondary school students feel safe at school?*” Time and again the Kenyan public is alarmed by atrocious acts of senses violence in public secondary schools. While there have been low incidences of student injuries in schools, it can be argued that it has become the subject of heightened concern, awareness and attention among government, schools students and the public in recent years. Educators cannot ignore the safety of the students’ environment. School safety concerns are fast becoming an important part of any dialog about improving school-wide academic performance. The paper looks at some reported fatal incidences in public schools. The paper discusses some the salient features of a safe schools. It concludes with recommendations on ways of improving safety in schools

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