

Fair Notice for Students Student Threat Assessment



At Lighthouse Christian Academy, we seek to create a learning community in which every student and staff member knows that they belong. Each member of our community should be able to expect a safe and welcoming learning environment. To help create this environment, our staff are trained to respond when someone's safety is threatened. At Lighthouse, we are creating, encouraging and facilitating a daily walk with God. We do this through providing innovative and sound academic and faith practices, knowing our students, partnering with parents and modelling what it means to be a follower of Christ.

What is a threat?

- an expression of intent to do harm or act violently against someone or something
- may be verbal, written, drawn, posted online or made by gesture

Duty to Report

To help keep our school community safe and welcoming, students must report all threat-related behaviours to the principal or another staff member as soon as they are able. If students are not comfortable reporting directly to a staff member, they can make an anonymous report through BC's erase Report It tool at <https://erasereportit.gov.bc.ca/>.

What is the purpose of a Student Threat Assessment?

- to ensure and promote the emotional and physical safety of students, staff, parents, the student making the threat, and any others involved
- to fully understand the threat
- to understand the factors contributing to the threat maker's behaviour
- to develop plans that support the emotional and physical safety and well-being of the threat maker, any targets, and all members of the school community

What behaviours could lead to a Student Threat Assessment?

Behaviours including, but not limited to

- serious violence or violence with intent to harm or kill
- verbal/written threats to harm/kill others (clear, direct, and plausible)
- online threats to harm/kill others
- possession of weapons (including replicas)
- bomb threats (making and/or detonating explosive devices)
- fire starting
- sexual intimidation or assault
- gang-related intimidation and violence

Collection Notice

Lighthouse Christian Academy is subject to personal information privacy laws and will do its best to collect information in compliance with these laws. The school will limit collection to information that is relevant and necessary to address a risk or threat and ensure that information collected from online sources is only obtained from open-source sites. The school will not collect information as part of a threat assessment unless there is reason to believe that a risk exists. Information collected as part of a threat assessment may be provided to the police when appropriate.

What Students Need to Know

1. Any threat must be reported to the school principal, who will investigate the threat.
2. Investigations may involve:
 - The police and/or other community agencies
 - A search of lockers and personal property
 - A search of open-source digital content
3. Interviews will be held with:
 - The threat maker
 - Other students or adults who may have information about the threat
4. Parents of students directly involved will be notified.
5. The school will develop a support plan for both the students making the threat and any individuals targeted or affected by the threat.
6. Threatening behaviour may result in disciplinary action.

Adapted from erase bc website: [fair-notice-sample.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www.erasereportit.gov.bc.ca/fair-notice-sample.pdf)