

VIOLENCE THREAT RISK ASSESSMENT

A Violence Threat Risk Assessment is a process of determining if a threat maker actually poses a risk to the target(s) being threatened. The School Threat Assessment Team will initiate a Violence Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Screening *when a student makes a threat, or if there is a **concern** that a student may be about to act out violently or has acted out violently*. Information is to be shared amongst all staff members of the School Threat Assessment Team, as this is essential to the effectiveness of the VTRA and to the development of an Intervention Plan. The School Threat Assessment Team may consist of:

- Principal
- Vice-Principal
- Counsellor
- Resource Teachers
- School Liaison Officer

This VTRA will guide the inquiry, document concerns, and help you develop and Intervention Plan to maximize student safety. The VTRA process is outlined in the VTRA Protocol. Contact District Threat Assessment Team as necessary for guidance.

- Associate Superintendent
- Director of Student Services
- Safe School Coordinator
- School Liaison Officer
- New Westminster Child and Youth Mental Health Team Leader
- Ministry of Child and Family Development, Child Protections Services Social Worker
- Probations/Youth Services Officer
- START Clinician Director

*Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 65, 85 School Act
School Regulation 265/89
School Earthquake Safety Guidebook
Violence Threat Risk Assessment Protocol (VTRA)*

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