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If someone threatens a school or school activity in any way that causes the school to have to evacuate (to keep students and teachers safe), that is called **terroristic threatening**.

- It's not a joke!
- It's not a prank!
- It's not for fun!
- It's against the law!

What happens when schools are threatened (actual threat or hoax)

- Students and Teachers are put in danger
- Law Enforcement is called to school; away from other emergencies
- Parents and community are fearful and worried
- Other incidents can occur from the impact of emergency response procedures







A person is guilty of terroristic threatening in the second degree when, other than as provided in KRS 508.075, he or she intentionally:

- (a) With respect to a school function, threatens to commit any act likely to result in death or serious physical injury to any student group, teacher, volunteer worker, or employee of a public or private elementary or secondary school, vocational school, or institution of postsecondary education, or to any other person reasonably expected to lawfully be on school property or at a school-sanctioned activity, if the threat is related to their employment by a school, or work or attendance at school, or a school function. A threat directed at a person or persons or at a school does not need to identify a specific person or persons or school in order for a violation of this section to occur:
- (b) Makes false statements by any means, including by electronic communication, for the purpose of:
- 1. Causing evacuation of a school building, school property, or school sanctioned activity; Creating fear of serious bodily harm among students, parents, or school personnel;
- (c) Makes false statements that he or she has placed a weapon of mass destruction at any location other than one specified in KRS 508.075; or 4
- (d) [(c)] Without lawful authority places a counterfeit weapon of mass destruction at any location other than one specified in KRS 508.075.
- (2) A counterfeit weapon of mass destruction is placed with lawful authority if it is placed as part of an official training exercise by a public servant, as defined in KRS 8 522.010.
- (3) A person is not guilty of commission of an offense under this section if he or she, innocently and believing the information to be true, communicates a threat made by another person to school personnel, a peace officer, a law enforcement agency, a public agency involved in emergency response, or a public safety answering point and identifies the person from whom the threat was communicated, if known
- (4) Terroristic threatening in the second degree is a Class D felony.



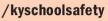


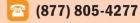
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