

For implementation of SEA 344, School Safety Guidelines

A school corporation, school holding company, or school lessor, prior to undertaking the construction, renovation, repair, or alterations of a school facility, shall be required to retain the services of an architect or professional engineer (design professional). The design professional shall be selected on the basis of competence and qualifications for the type of services to be performed.

In providing its services, the design professional shall consider incorporating “best practices” as published by the Division of School Building Physical Security and Safety.

A design professional hired under these guidelines shall contact first responders responsible for the jurisdiction of the project to solicit design recommendations that are intended to enhance the school physical security as defined in IC 20-19-3-14.

The feasibility of incorporating any or all of said design recommendations into the project shall be considered by the school corporation, school holding company, or school lessor in consultation with the design professional.