



# المدرسة الآسيوية الدولية الخاصة

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### CIRCULAR NO.06 SAFETY ADVISORY-EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, SAFETY GUIDANCE AND COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Parents, Staff & Students,

Greetings!

We wanted to reach out directly with some important information following the latest guidance from the Abu Dhabi Emergency, Crisis and Disaster Management Centre. Given everything that has been happening regionally, we feel it's important to pass this on clearly and simply - without any of the usual bureaucratic language. So here it is, in plain terms.

#### 1. BE CAREFUL ONLINE

There have been reports of fake messages going around pretending to be from official sources. Please:

- **Don't** click on links you weren't expecting, even if they look legitimate.
- **Don't** share personal information in response to any message you didn't initiate.
- **If** something feels off, it probably is — verify before you act on anything.
- **Don't** forward things you haven't confirmed are true. Misinformation spreads fast and causes real harm.

#### 2. TALKING TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kids notice when adults are stressed, even when we think we are hiding it well. You don't need to have all the answers -but here is what actually helps:

- **Stay** calm in front of them. Your energy sets the tone.
- **Be** honest in an age-appropriate way — "Things feel a bit uncertain right now, but we are safe, and there are people whose whole job is to keep us that way."
- **Let** them ask questions and actually listen — sometimes they just need to be heard.
- **Keep** the news off when they're around. They don't need to be exposed to constant updates.
- **Stick** to your normal routine as much as possible. Familiar structure is genuinely reassuring for children.

#### 3. IF YOU HAVE ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS OR RELATIVES WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

They may be more anxious than they're letting on. A few things worth doing now rather than later:

- **Check** in on them regularly, even just a quick call.

→ **Make** sure their home is easy to move around in quickly if needed.

→ **Confirm** they have enough medication and any devices they rely on.

→ **Talk** to them calmly - you don't need to sugarcoat things, but you also don't need to alarm them.

Need additional support? Family Counselling Call Centre — 80033322

#### 4. IF AN EMERGENCY ALERT IS ISSUED WHILE YOU ARE IN A BUILDING

This is the most important section. Please read it carefully:

**Step 1 Stop** what you're doing and stay calm. Panic makes everything worse.

**Step 2 Move** away from windows and glass immediately.

**Step 3: Take** the stairs to a lower floor or interior area. No lifts.

**Step 4 Stay** put until you hear an official all-clear — not a rumor, not a WhatsApp message.

#### SAFE PLACES TO SHELTER

- ✓ **Interior** rooms with few windows
- ✓ **Hallways** and basements
- ✓ **Ground** floors
- ✓ **Under** a concrete staircase

#### PLACES TO AVOID

- ✗ **Windows**, balconies, rooftops
- ✗ **Outer** walls
- ✗ **Exposed** or open areas

#### 5. ONCE IT'S OVER

Don't rush back to normal straight away:

→ **Check** that everyone around you is okay.

→ **If** you see anything suspicious or smell something unusual, don't investigate — report it and step away.

→ **Follow** official updates before resuming normal activities.

#### 6. YOUR PETS

If you have animals at home:

→ **Keep** them inside.

→ **Make** sure you have enough food, water, and supplies for a few days.

→ **Have** a carrier or bag ready in case you need to move quickly.

Abandoned animal or unable to provide care? Department of Municipalities & Transport — 993

### 7. IF YOU ARE IN YOUR CAR WHEN AN ALERT COMES THROUGH

→ **Slow** down and stay alert.

→ **Get** to a building if you can.

→ **If** you can't, pull over somewhere sheltered, stay in the car, close windows, and switch the engine off.

→ **Please** don't post anything from the scene until it's verified — one video can set off a wave of panic.

### 8. IN A MALL OR PUBLIC SPACE

#### DO

- ✓ **Move** calmly toward the inside of the building
- ✓ **Follow** security staff instructions
- ✓ **Use** the stairs
- ✓ **If** no shelter: get low, protect your head, cover your face

#### AVOID

- ✗ **Panicking** or crowding near exits
- ✗ **Standing** near glass, poles, or billboards
- ✗ **Sharing** unverified content from the scene
- ✗ **Ignoring** instructions from safety staff

Abu Dhabi reinforces a clear message: preparedness is a shared responsibility, and informed, calm behavior is the foundation of effective crisis response.

By aligning institutional readiness with community awareness, the emirate continues to demonstrate a proactive and resilient approach to safeguarding lives and maintaining stability—no matter the challenges.

Take care of yourselves and your families.



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