

Story Card

PROTECTOONS

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Good decisions in bad situations. No matter how hard we work to make sure everything is done right and everyone is safe, it doesn't always play out that way. When violence arrives, we have to be prepared for the best possible outcome. That means practicing safety measures over and over, and sometimes it means studying history to learn what went right and what could have been better.

That's what the students, families, and Sea Cadets in Port Townsend are doing in Episode One. They don't want tragedy to strike their community, because one year ago today it did. Join our Sea Cadets as they work to make sure everyone is at their best by preparing for the worst.

Sergeant

She may not be able to see over the desk, but she has seen a lot in her day. The young Sea Cadets will be better because of her wisdom and compassion, and Port Townsend will be safer because of her dedication.

Sea Cadets

It wasn't long ago that these young sea otters were the ones playing in the kelp beds at recess. Now they are the courageous and caring protectors who have joined the force to do what's right for their town.

Students

Nobody so young should have to worry about something so serious as violence at school. But we can't always control the bad things that happen. Because the students had practiced what to do in an emergency, they were able to make good decisions – the best decisions possible in a very bad situation. What happened a year ago will impact their lives forever, and they will need the help of everyone (and one another) to carry on.

Five Cartoonversation™ Starters

1. If you have to run from danger at school, do you know a safe place where you can go and wait for help?
2. Do you know three good places to hide from danger at your school?
3. It's normal to be scared about bad things happening at schools. Do you have someone to talk to when you're feeling scared?
4. Why do you think the students wrote letters on the anniversary of the attack?
5. How did the Sea Cadets feel when they heard the letters?

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Five Factoids

- If you are in the bathroom during a lockdown, move to a stall, lock the door, and stand on the toilet so your feet are hidden.
- If you are in a hallway during a lockdown, get into the nearest room so the teacher can lock the door and shut off the lights.
- Your classroom should have an emergency bucket filled with the following items: snacks, bottled water, flashlights, tissue.
- During a lockdown drill, play the quiet game. Whoever stays quiet the longest wins a snack from the emergency bucket.
- If you are exiting the school during an act of violence, keep your hands over your head so the police officers and other people trying to help can see them.

Five Websites

1. [dhs.gov](https://www.dhs.gov)
2. [michigan.gov/ok2say](https://www.michigan.gov/ok2say)
3. [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov)
4. [nctsn.org](https://www.nctsn.org)
5. [friendshipcircle.org](https://www.friendshipcircle.org)

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