

ANKUR SCHOOL
PANJAB UNIVERSITY, SECTOR 14 CHANDIGARH

Student Safety and Awareness on Bomb Threats

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Dear Parents,
Warm Greetings from Ankur School!

In light of the recent recurring emails regarding bomb threats received by several schools across the Tricity, including our own, we wish to address our community directly. Our primary objective is the safety of our students and staff, and we are committed to maintaining a secure, transparent, and calm environment.

These Bomb threats are a nuisance but must be creating anxiety to you as Parents. When schools are targeted repeatedly, the goal of the sender is often to create "fatigue" and panic. The school is Sensitizing children , but as parents kindly sensitise your children to be careful as if they see an "**Unattended bag**", a strange **tiffin box**, or an **electronic device** in the playground, Classroom, washrooms etc, They must **refrain from touching it** and should immediately inform a teacher.

Students Understanding of "Hoax" and "Copycat" Threats

We are aware that some of these threats across the region have been identified as "copycat" incidents. The use of school safety to disrupt academic schedules, postpone examination, or create panic for sake of "prank" is a grave matter.

Serious Legal Consequences

Sometimes, these threats are "copycat" pranks by students who want exams postponed. Sending a hoax threat is a non-bailable offense under the **Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)** and the **IT Act**, which can result in years of jail time, even for minors.

- **Legal Action:** Law enforcement agencies use advanced digital forensics to trace the origin of emails and IP addresses, even when encrypted services are used.
- **Sentencing:** Perpetrators, including minors, face severe legal repercussions, including **imprisonment** and a permanent criminal record that can derail future educational and career prospects.

Parental Guidelines & Cyber Hygiene

We request your cooperation in maintaining a calm and secure environment:

- **Avoid Rumor-Mongering:** Please refrain from forwarding unverified messages on WhatsApp groups. Misinformation causes more panic than the threat itself.
- **Student Counseling:** Talk to your children about the gravity of these "pranks." Making or sharing such threats—even as a joke—is a serious criminal
- **Vigilance:** Encourage your children to report any unattended bags or suspicious items to their class teachers immediately.

Our Commitment to Safety

Please be assured that every threat, regardless of its source, is treated with the highest level of seriousness.

- **Standard Operating Procedure (SOP):** Upon receiving any communication, the **Cyber Cell** and **local police authorities** are immediately notified.
- **Controlled Evacuation:** In the event of an evacuation, students are moved to designated safe zones. We request that you follow official school SMS/App alerts for pickup instructions to avoid traffic congestion for emergency vehicles.

Moving Forward Together

Our primary goal is to ensure that our students' education continues in a safe, uninterrupted environment. We thank the **Chandigarh Police** for their swift response during every instance and appreciate your continued trust in our safety protocols.

"Safety is a shared responsibility. Your calm and cooperation are our greatest assets."

Warm regards,
Ankur School, Chandigarh