



## Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

03.05.2019

Mr. M. N. Ranasinghe,  
Secretary,  
Ministry of Education,  
“ Isurupaya”  
Pelawatta,  
Battaramulla

Dear Secretary,

### **Ensuring security in school premises – Circular No. 25/2019.**

We wish to convey our thanks to you for taking prompt action, through your circular referred to above, to ensure safety of school children.

Further, we highly commend your thoroughly positive action of launching a counselling service in collaboration with the experts to handle the impact of trauma on the minds of school children, as claimed by the Hon. Minister of Education through the media.

The contents’ of this Circular were brought to the notice of all the Commissioners of the Human Right Commission and they wish to recommend taking following steps for consideration in the process of implementing it.

1. First and foremost, the principal should address the school community to explain as to why such security measures are taken; to elucidate that such steps should be implemented in such a way that none is discriminated or degraded; and to emphasize the need to continue the mutual understanding and cordiality.
2. Need to appoint relevant Security Committees and Sub Committees where each and every race in the school’s student community is represented in their composition.
3. Action to be taken by these Security Committees to conduct drills and rehearsals for the benefit of the students, indicating the procedures to be followed in an emergency.
4. Provision of an emergency telephone number to be used by the students and parents to contact in an emergency.

These recommendations are made by us for the purpose of ensuring equal –prestige of every one in school community and their safety, especially the safety of school children in mind.

We earnestly request your special attention to these matters.

Sgd. Dr.D.Udagama  
Chairperson  
Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka

- cc.     1.     HE the President  
          2.     Hon. Prime Minister  
          3.     Hon. Minister of Education