

Violence and other disturbing behavior on campus, particularly in light of the recent, tragic events at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University, is one of the leading issues currently facing colleges and universities today. A number of widely reported findings from governmental agencies and others recommend that institutions have a campus threat assessment team to monitor and respond to students exhibiting violent or other disturbing behavior. The purpose of this article is to provide institutions of higher education with practical suggestions regarding how to implement and maintain threat assessment teams consistent with best practices and in accordance with applicable ethical and legal standards.