

Active threat

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Introduction

Active threat situations can happen anywhere and without warning. The random nature of active shootings/stabbings means that threats cannot be predicted, only responded to. This leaves public, government and private institutions vulnerable to serious violent crime. Although an active threat may not be predictable, it can be prevented with mitigation training, observing unusual or suspicious behavior or hearing about a threat and immediately reporting it to law enforcement.



What is an active threat?

An active threat situation is when a person is actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. An evolving trend utilizing improvised explosive devices (IEDs), targeting victims and first responders, has recently been seen in active threat incidents; these types of devices are becoming more and more available for purchase on the dark web or can be easily manufactured. Often there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. The shooter's main objective is mass killing and injuring as many people as possible.



How to respond to an active threat

1. Identify the threat OR indicators that you're in an active threat situation.
2. Utilize one of the three options below for your response:

		
RUN/ESCAPE	HIDE	FIGHT
IF POSSIBLE	IF ESCAPE IS NOT POSSIBLE	ONLY AS A LAST RESORT



Things to remember:

Evacuation- evacuations are chosen and dictated by the individual and are situationally dependent.

Rally point/Consolidation area- rally point and consolidation areas are chosen by Law Enforcement and are driven by the tactical situation on scene. These locations will be communicated to you by Police.



Questions?

