IS-907 – Active Shooter: What You Can Do



DISPATCHER:

"911, what is the nature of your emergency?"

CALLER:

"There's somebody with a gun in the main entrance to the mall and I don't . . ."

Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly.

Are you prepared?



Course Objectives

- Describe actions to take when confronted with:
 - An active shooter.
 - Law enforcement officers who are responding to the situation.
- Recognize potential workplace violence indicators.
- Describe actions to take to prevent and prepare for potential active shooter incidents.
- Describe how to manage the consequences of an active shooter incident.



Active Shooter Incidents

Where we:

- Shop
- Exercise free speech
- Learn
- Work



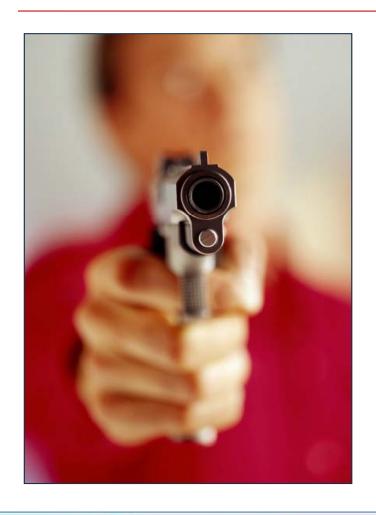
About Active Shooter Incidents

- More frequent.
- Anger, revenge, ideology, untreated mental illness.

Employees can help prevent and prepare.



Active Shooter Situations

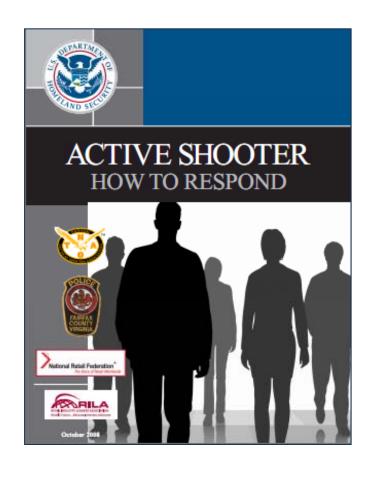


- Unpredictable.
- Evolve quickly.
- Continue until stopped by law enforcement, suicide, or intervention.

Active Shooter Booklet

Guidance for:

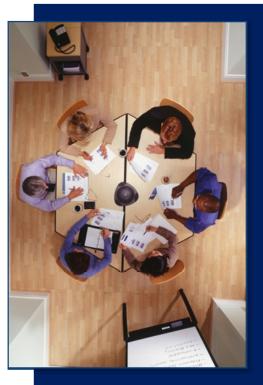
- Individuals
- Managers
- Employees



Course Topics



Respond



Prepare



Follow Up



Discussion: Response

What actions should you take to keep yourself safe in an active shooter situation?



How To Respond



- Evacuate
- Hide Out
- Take Action

Evacuate (1 of 2)

- Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Help others escape, if possible.
- Evacuate regardless of others.
- Warn/prevent individuals from entering.





Evacuate (2 of 2)

- Do not attempt to move wounded people.
- Keep your hands visible.
- Follow police instructions.
- Call 911 when safe.

Why do police need to see your hands?





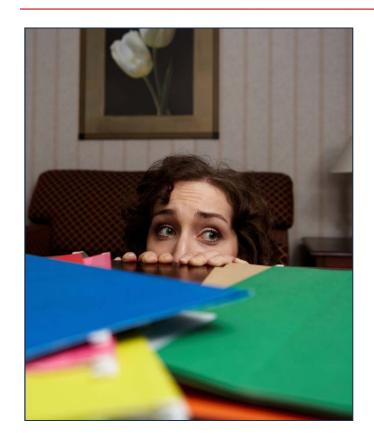
Hide Out

Your hiding spot should:

- Be out of the active shooter's view.
- Provide protection if shots are fired.
- Not restrict options for movement.



Keeping Yourself Safe While Hiding



If the shooter is nearby:

- Lock the door.
- Hide behind large item (e.g., cabinet, desk).
- Silence cell phone/pager.
- Remain quiet.

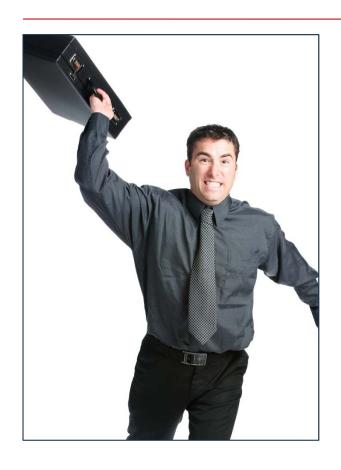
Important Information

Provide law enforcement or 911 operators with:

- Location of shooter.
- Number of shooters.
- Physical description of shooters.
- Number and types of weapons.
- Number of potential victims.



Take Action



As an absolute last resort:

- Act as aggressively as possible.
- Improvise weapons and throw items.
- Yell.
- Commit to your actions.

Discussion: Reaction of Managers

What should managers do in an active shooter situation?



Discussion: When Law Enforcement Arrives

What actions should you take when law enforcement arrives?



Law Enforcement's Role

Immediate purpose:

- Stop the active shooter.
- Proceed to area where last shots heard.
- First priority is to eliminate the threat.



Additional Officers and Rescue Teams

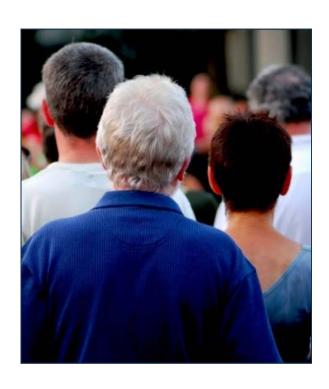
Teams may:

- Wear bulletproof vests, helmets, and other equipment.
- Be armed with rifles, shotguns, and/or handguns.
- Use pepper spray.
- Shout commands.
- Push individuals to the ground for their safety.

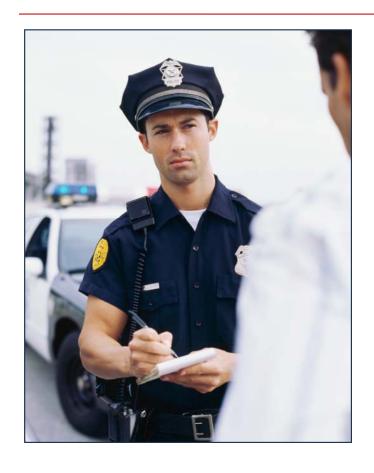


Reacting to Law Enforcement

- Remain calm.
- Put down any items.
- Raise hands and spread fingers.
- Avoid quick movements.
- Avoid pointing, screaming, or yelling.
- Proceed in direction from which officers are entering.



Safe Location



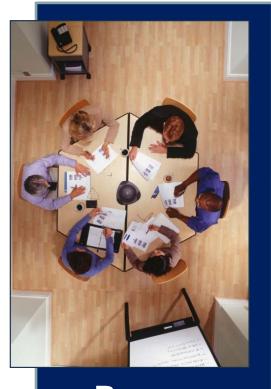
Area controlled by law enforcement until:

- The situation is under control.
- All witnesses are identified and questioned.

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Discussion: Preparation

How can you prepare for and prevent active shooter situations?



How To Prepare



- Develop an Emergency Action Plan.
- Conduct training.
- Recognize indicators of potential workplace violence.

Developing an Emergency Action Plan

Get input from:

- Human resources department.
- Training department.
- Facility owners/operators.
- Property manager.
- Local law enforcement and emergency responders.



Components of an Effective Plan

- A preferred method for reporting different types of emergencies
- An evacuation policy and procedure
- Emergency escape procedures and route assignments
- Contact information for individuals to be contacted under the Emergency Action Plan
- Information concerning local area hospitals
- An emergency notification system to alert various parties of an emergency



Conducting Training



Employee training should include:

- Identifying the sound of gunfire.
- Reacting quickly.
- Calling 911.
- Reacting when law enforcement arrives.
- Adopting a survival mindset during a crisis.

Meet Everyone's Needs

Ensure that plans assess and provide for functional needs:

- Hearing or sight
- Mobility
- Limited or no English proficiency



Facility Manager Responsibilities (1 of 2)

- Institute access controls.
- Distribute critical items.
- Assemble crisis kits.
- Activate the emergency notification system.
- Ensure two evacuation routes.
- Coordinate with the facility's security department.



Facility Manager Responsibilities (2 of 2)

- Post evacuation routes.
- Place removable floor plans near entrances and exits.
- Include law enforcement and first responders in training.
- Encourage active shooter training.
- Foster a respectful workplace.
- Be aware of workplace violence indicators.



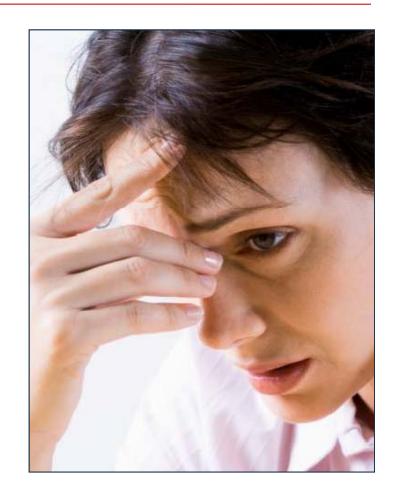
Recognizing Indicators of Violence





Workplace Violence Indicators

- May be current or former employee.
- May display characteristics of potentially violent behavior.



Human Resources Responsibilities

- Conduct effective background checks.
- Create system for reporting violent behavior.
- Make counseling available.
- Develop plan dealing with an active shooter situation.



Activity: Indicators of Workplace Violence

Instructions: Working as a team:

- 1. Create a list of 10 indicators of potentially violent behavior.
- 2. Record the list on chart paper.
- 3. Select a spokesperson and be prepared to present your list in 5 minutes.



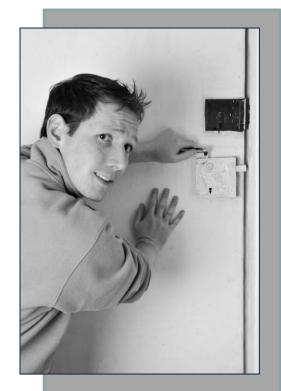
Activity: Self-Assessment

Instructions: Working individually:

- 1. Take 5 minutes to complete the self-assessment in your Student Manual.
- 2. Jot down action steps you can take for areas needing improvement.
- 3. Remember, this is a self-assessment, so be honest!



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How To Follow Up

Important to:

- Manage consequences
- Capture lessons learned

Results:

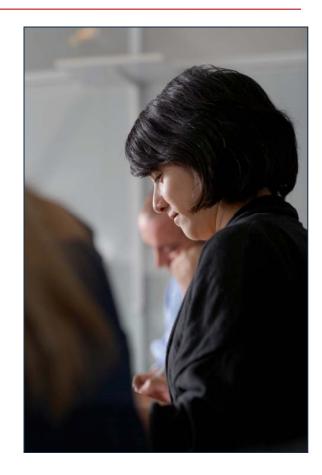
- Promotes well-being of those involved
- Facilitates preparedness for future emergencies





Managing the Consequences

- Determine who is missing or injured.
- Determine a method for notifying families.
- Assess psychological state of individuals.
- Identify and fill critical personnel or operational gaps.



Lessons Learned

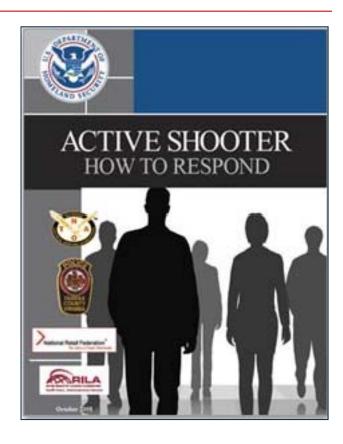
- Document response activities.
- Identify successes and failures.
- Provide analysis of existing plan effectiveness.
- Describe plans for improvements.



Workplace Violence Resources

Resources include:

- Active Shooter Booklet
- Active Shooter Pocket Guide
- Active Shooter Poster



Course Summary

- Evacuate, hide, take action.
- Call 911 when it is safe to do so!
- Always take note of the two nearest exits.
- Be aware of your environment and possible dangers.

