



Active Shooter/Active Threat Preparedness Assessment

This guide is designed to assist both individuals and organizations assess their preparedness for active threats. (Active shooters, knife wielding attackers, etc.) Use the relevant questions to assess your or your organization's level of preparedness. Not all questions will apply to every person or organization. They should be used to stimulate thought for your assessment.

Responsibility

1. Do you falsely believe the police are responsible and will be able to protect you from all active threats?
2. Have you accepted personal responsibility for your own safety?
3. Has your organization accepted responsibility to help keep employees safe?

Knowledge of Problem

4. Do you know how an active threat is defined?
5. Are you aware of the history of active threat events and why this is important?
6. Are you aware of the increase in active threat events?
7. Are you familiar with the weapons active threats are using?
8. Do you know where active threat events are occurring?

What Can Be Done Before An Active Threat Event

9. Does your organization have a threat assessment team?
10. Do you know behavioral indicators that could indicate a threat?
11. Do you have an individual plan for an active threat event?
12. Does your institution have a plan for an active threat event?
13. Do you understand there is more to training than watching the "Run – Hide – Fight" video?
14. Do you know there are better models than "Run – Hide – Fight?"
15. Have you attended Active Shooter or Active Threat response training?
16. Have you provided Active Shooter or Active Threat training to your employees?



17. Do you know what kind of windows or laminate your building has?
18. Are you familiar with the lock down process and are your locks easily applied?
19. Do you have an efficient communication system to communicate active threats to your employees, students or parents?
20. Do you know how to communicate your plan age appropriate to your family or students to involve them?
21. Do you know how to “harden the target” at your location?
22. Have you ever conducted a workplace violence exercise?

To Survive an Active Threat

23. Do you know the levels of awareness?
24. Are you in the level of awareness you should be?
25. Do you know physical indicators of a possible threat?
26. Do you know behavioral indicators of a possible threat?
27. Do you understand how people respond in a crisis?
28. Do you know how to get past denial and make decisions faster when seconds count?
29. Do you know the effects of fear and stress of an active threat incident?
30. Do you know how to lessen the effects of fear and stress?
31. Do you have a survivor’s mindset?
32. Do you know when, where, and how to escape an active threat event?
33. Do you know the difference between cover and concealment and why this is important?
34. Do you know how to deny the killer access to you?
35. Do you know how to attack back when you can’t escape or deny access?
36. Do you have knowledge of improvised weapons and how to use them?
37. Do you know the best place to ambush and attack an active killer to stop him?
38. Do you know strategies to survive a knife attack?
39. Do you know an excellent improvised weapon that is found in every school and public building?

During and/or After the Active Threat Incident

40. Are you familiar with trauma care?
41. Do you have a tourniquet in your personal first aid kit?
42. Are there tourniquets in your institution’s first aid kits?
43. Do your or your institution’s first aid kit contain pressure bandages?
44. Do you know how to stop bleeding?
45. Do you know what to do with a sucking chest wound?



- 46. Do you know how to treat for shock?
- 47. Do you know law enforcement priorities when they arrive?
- 48. Do you know what law enforcement needs from you?

Ask yourself this:

- 49. Are you and your organization as prepared as you should be?
- 50. Would the Survive a Shooting course help your level of preparedness?

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