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Trainer Guide

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Introduction to Active Shooter/Active Threat

Overview

While it's scary to use the word “epidemic” when describing active shootings in the United States, incidents are becoming more frequent. In 2017, the FBI identified 30 incidents—the highest number ever recorded in a one-year period. Attack locations are unpredictable—most often occurring in businesses, but also in schools, government buildings, churches, and even outside venues. In addition, the number of people injured or killed during each incident is rising. Bystanders can no longer ignore the signs (as subtle as they may be) a shooter exhibits in the weeks before an attack. Waiting until the day after an incident to say, “I saw it coming” has to stop.

Believing someone you know, especially a close friend or family member, is capable of such violence is difficult. Don't let thoughts of “I'm overreacting” or “I'll get them in trouble” stop you from reporting what you have observed. There is a difference between tattling (or wanting someone to get into trouble) and telling (or wanting to save someone or prevent something bad from happening).

The more we become familiar with the warning signs conveyed by shooters leading up to their attack, the more incidents can be prevented. **Active Shooter/Active Threat** is designed to help learners anticipate and recognize an active shooter/active threat situation and respond appropriately and immediately if they are ever faced with one. Specifically, it covers the warning signs of workplace violence, how to recognize the presence of an active threat, the best course of action to take based on individual abilities and location, and the steps individuals should follow when law enforcement arrives.

Equally as important as preventing an active shooter incident is knowing how to survive one. This training will walk you through **avoiding** the active threat, **denying** the active shooter's access to you, and **defending** yourself against the active shooter. Learning and practicing these steps is every bit as vital to saving your life as knowing how to escape a fire or protect yourself from a tornado.

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