

Active Shooter Preparedness

<http://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) aims to enhance preparedness through a "whole community" approach by providing training, products, and resources to a broad range of stakeholders on issues such as active shooter awareness, incident response, and workplace violence. In many cases, there is no pattern or method to the selection of victims by an active shooter, and these situations are by their very nature unpredictable and evolve quickly. DHS offers free courses, materials, and workshops to better prepare you to deal with an active shooter situation and to raise awareness of behaviors that represent pre-incident indicators and characteristics of active shooters.

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Active Shooter: How to Respond Resource Materials

DHS has developed a series of materials to assist businesses, government offices, and schools in preparing for and responding to an active shooter. These products include a desk reference guide, a reference poster, and a pocket-size reference card.

Issues covered in the active shooter materials include the following:

- Profile of an active shooter;
- Responding to an active shooter or other workplace violence situation;
- Training for an active shooter situation and creating an emergency action plan; and
- Tips for recognizing signs of potential workplace violence.

Available Materials

- [Active Shooter Booklet](#)
- [Active Shooter Pamphlet](#)
- [Active Shooter Poster](#)
- [Active Shooter Poster \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Active Shooter Pocket Card](#)
- [Active Shooter Pocket Card \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Planning and Response to an Active Shooter: An Interagency Security Committee Policy and Best Practices Guide](#)

Options for Consideration Active Shooter Preparedness Video

Options for Consideration demonstrates possible actions to take if confronted with an active shooter scenario. The video also shows how to assist authorities once law enforcement enters the scene. You may also [access the video on YouTube](#).

Conducting Security Assessments: A Guide for Schools and Houses of Worship Webinar

This [Webinar](#) will help participants learn the importance of conducting a security assessment of their facility, how to find the right support in conducting that assessment, applicable security measures, and how to create a security culture that engages and involves all the members of their respective academic or faith community.

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