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In the U.S., the most prominent attack method used to perpetrate targeted violence is with a firearm. These incidents can often be described as “active shooter” attacks. Active shooter incidents are dynamic, often unpredictable, and can evolve quickly. In the midst of the chaos, anyone can play an integral role in mitigating the impacts of an attack. Recent active shooter incidents underscore the need to maximize preparedness and highlight the value of a coordinated response to save lives and mitigate the harmful impacts of such incidents.

**Active Shooter is defined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as “one or more individuals actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area.”**

As the Department of Homeland Security leader for active shooter preparedness, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) is committed to working with and supporting critical infrastructure stakeholders to deliver resources and training that enhance security and increase resilience for people, organizations, and communities. This includes schools, workplaces, election sites, houses of worship, transportation centers, and other public gathering locations. CISA provides a broad range of no-cost security capacity building products, training, and resources that range from informational materials to planning-oriented tools, such as templates and guides that aim to help organizations prepare for, prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from active shooter incidents.



### WEBINARS AND IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS

CISA’s instructor-led security training sessions provide information to help identify concerning activities and behaviors to prevent incidents of targeted violence. These events introduce concepts for threat management, risk mitigation, and offer insights to help organizations develop or improve emergency action plans. The training also provides data-informed approaches to bolster organizational preparedness and introduce training concepts for incident response, should the need arise.



### ACTIVE SHOOTER: WHAT YOU CAN DO

This e-learning course —**IS-907, Active Shooter, What You Can Do**— is a one-hour online training that provides a comprehensive introduction to active shooter preparedness. This course also introduces the concept of the pathway to violence and offers preparedness best practices to help mitigate, respond to, and recover from an active shooter incident.

This course is available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Management Institute at: [training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-907&lang=en](https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-907&lang=en).



### ONLINE RESOURCES

CISA offers numerous online resources to support organizational efforts to mitigate the active shooter threat. These resources include reference cards, templates, guides, videos, and more. Some of these resources are available in more than 20 languages.



These resources can be quickly accessed by scanning this QR-code or by visiting: [cisa.gov/active-shooter-preparedness](https://cisa.gov/active-shooter-preparedness).