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THE IMPORTANCE OF SITUATIONAL AWARENESS: ACTIVE SHOOTERS

What is an Active Shooter?

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in harming or attempting to harm people in a confined and populated area, typically using firearms. While many of our LIS employees work from home or in secure government facilities, LIS promotes the importance of situational awareness in any environment.

Today, we would like to highlight the importance of active shooter vigilance and response in our everyday lives. It is important to know:

- Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to victims.
- Although active shooter situations are often over within 10 to 15 minutes, and before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.

An active shooter event can happen anywhere. Whether it is at your workplace or going to the grocery store. Are you prepared or do you know how to respond when a real-life event occurs?

Here are some important tips to help you respond in an Active Shooter event:

1. EVACUATE

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Keep your hands visible

2. HIDE OUT

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager

3. TAKE ACTION

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter

In an FBI statistical review, the United States experienced 277 incidents that occurred between 2000 and 2018. Out of the 277 incidents, the FBI recorded 884 individuals killed, 1,546 individuals wounded, and a total of 2,430 casualties all due to an active shooter incident.

By being aware and sharing information about active shooter events, we can all better protect ourselves and our community.





MUST-READ ARTICLE

'I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN TO US': ACTIVE SHOOTER SIMULATION TEACHES CGTC STUDENTS

by: Ereina Plunkett

According to the United States Center of Homeland Defense and Security last year the US beat its record for having the most school shootings ever in a year.

But at Central Georgia Technical College Dean of Health Sciences, Alvin Harmon said they're not taking any chances at not being prepared.

"One of the common statements I hear often are people always saying 'I never thought it would happen to us,'" Harmon said.

Read the Full Article Here:

<https://wgxa.tv/news/local/i-never-thought-it-would-happen-to-us-active-shooter-simulation-teaches-cgtc-students>

VIGILANCE: THE BEST DEFENSE

Industries face a variety of threats, both internal and external, from hostile governments, terrorist groups, disgruntled employees, and malicious introducers. Alert and vigilant employees can be the best people to spot suspicious activity and report it. The power is in the employee, citizen, patron, or any person who can observe and report.

THE POWER OF HELLO

Used effectively, the right words can be a powerful tool. Simply saying "Hello" can prompt a casual conversation with unknown individuals and help you determine why they are there. The OHNO approach - Observe, Initiate a Hello, Navigate the Risk, and Obtain Help - helps employees observe and evaluate suspicious behaviors, empowers them to mitigate potential risk, and obtain help when necessary.

The CISA Power of Hello site provides stakeholders with information to assist in identifying and effectively responding to suspicious behavior.

Additional Resources:

- <https://www.fbi.gov/about/partnerships/office-of-partner-engagement/active-shooter-resources>
- https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/active_shooter_pocket_card.pdf
- <https://www.fbi.gov/about/partnerships/office-of-partner-engagement/active-shooter-incidents-graphics>
- <https://www.cisa.gov/employee-vigilance>

ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE



RUN



HIDE



FIGHT