



# Active Threat Awareness:

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# Key Realities of Active Threat Events

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- Incidents are often spontaneous & evolve rapidly
- Behavior is unpredictable
- Most events conclude within 10 minutes
- Modern police tactics prioritize immediate threat engagement



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# Characteristics of Offenders

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- Often socially isolated
- Exhibit grievances or anger
- Stressors include:
  - Job loss
  - Financial strain
  - Relationship issues



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# Understanding the Threat

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- Gunfire may not be audible in buildings
- Silence does not mean the threat is over
- Remain alert and act quickly



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# Awareness, Preparation & Practice

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# Awareness, Preparation, and Practice

- Understand active threat definitions
- Plan escape and shelter options
- Practice responding without hesitation
- [Run Hide Fight FBI Active Shooter Training](#)