



**STAY SAFE[®]
TRAINING[™]**
REAL SKILLS. REAL WORLD. REAL READY.

AWARENESS | SKILLS | MINDSET
A SAFER TOMORROW

**REAL PEOPLE.
REAL SKILLS.
A SAFER
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ENVIRONMENTS WHERE ACTIVE SHOOTING EVENTS OCCUR

Awareness of environments improves preparation, decision-making, and survivability.

YOUR GOAL: SURVIVE, HELP OTHERS, AND REUNITE WITH LOVED ONES.

BE AWARE

MAKE DECISIONS

TAKE ACTION

1 COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES 52.6%



EXAMPLES

- Offices
- Retail stores
- Restaurants
- Warehouses
- Malls

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Multiple exits
- Cover or concealment
- Large crowds
- Back hallways and service routes
- Safe rally points

2 OPEN PUBLIC SPACES 16.4%



EXAMPLES

- Parks
- Festivals
- Streets
- Concerts
- Sporting venues

CHALLENGES

- Limited cover
- Crowd panic
- Long distances
- Difficult communication

SURVIVAL CONCEPTS

- Move diagonally
- Avoid crowd funnels
- Use terrain and obstacles
- Continue creating distance

3 SCHOOLS & UNIVERSITIES 11.6%



EXAMPLES

- Hallways
- Cafeterias
- Sporting events
- Parking lots
- Classrooms

STUDENT PRIORITIES

- Know exits
- Avoid bottlenecks
- Move quickly with purpose
- Stay with small groups when possible



TEACHER PRIORITIES

- Control movement
- Direct students decisively
- Understand alternate routes
- Communicate clearly

4 HOUSES OF WORSHIP 6.1%



EXAMPLES

- Churches
- Synagogues
- Mosques
- Temples



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

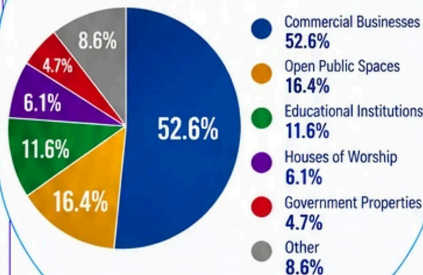
- Large gatherings
- Family groups
- Multiple ages present
- Emotional attachment to location

PREPAREDNESS

- Know exits
- Identify safe areas
- Build communication plans
- Train calmly and realistically

WHERE ACTIVE SHOOTING EVENTS OCCUR

FBI Active Shooter Incidents (2014–2023)
by Location Type*



Source: FBI, Active Shooter Incidents in the United States
2014–2023, National Threat Assessment Center (2024).
*Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.

5 GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS 4.7%



EXAMPLES

- Courthouses
- Public offices
- Municipal buildings
- Military facilities

CHALLENGES

- Security checkpoints
- Controlled movement areas
- Locked access points



KEY PRINCIPLE

Awareness before crisis
improves decision-making
during crisis.

KNOW YOUR ENVIRONMENT



EXITS

Know more than
one way out.



COVER

Identify what
stops bullets.



CONCEALMENT

Identify what
hides movement.



PEOPLE

Notice crowd flow
and bottlenecks.



DISTANCE

Distance increases
survivability.

PREPAREDNESS IS CALM AWARENESS



Prepared people:
Notice exits
automatically.



Understand
movement routes.



Stay mentally
flexible.



Avoid
freezing.



Help others
move decisively.



PREPAREDNESS IS NOT PARANOIA.

AWARENESS AND TRAINING HELP PEOPLE SURVIVE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS.



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