

Active Violence Emergency Response Training (AVERT)

When active violence occurs, seconds count, and you can't always wait for EMS to arrive. AVERT was developed by law enforcement, security, and medical experts to empower everyone to become an immediate responder in a violent or emergency situation. AVERT teaches both active shooter response skills and emergency bleeding techniques.

Intended audience

AVERT training supports anyone who could be involved in an active violence situation, and it's appropriate for all types of organizations such as:

- Government
- Healthcare
- Places of Worship
- Schools
- Sporting Venues
- Manufacturing
- Office Settings
- Retail Environments

Class format

The AVERT course is delivered in a “blended” training format. This means students will first receive online training introducing them to the subject and preparing them for the instructor-led session.

Class size

- Maximum class size is 15 students per Authorized AVERT Instructor.

Online portal

- Streaming/Offline video presentation player
- Pre-built digital Performance Evaluations
- Track past, present and future classes

Instructional elements

- AVERT Instructor Guide
- AVERT media presentation (program video or computer/online blended class)

Certification period

- 2 years from month of issue

Recommended time to complete

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Class topics

- Active shooter response training
- Emergency bleeding control techniques
- Situational awareness
- Typical reactions when faced with violence
- How to quickly decide whether to escape, evade or attack
- Techniques for escape and evade
- Techniques for attack and defend
- Interacting safely with law enforcement after an attack
- Recognizing types of weapons
- How to immediately respond to life-threatening bleeding
- Direct pressure
- Wound packing
- Tourniquets
- Bleeding control kits—best practices
- Best practices for how to equip your space
- Acknowledging active violence events