

Active Violence Immediate Response Training (AVIRT)

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

Intended audience

AVIRT 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

- Traditional Classroom
- Blended Learning

Class size

- Maximum class size for in-person training is 15 students per Authorized AVIRT Instructor.

Online portal

- Class Presentation for Traditional Classroom
- Class Presentation for Blended Learning
- Student Skill Sheets

Instructional elements

- AVIRT media presentation (program video or computer/online blended class)

Recommended Training Frequency

- Annually or every two years

Estimated time to complete

- Traditional Classroom – About 2 ½ hours
- Blended Learning – Online about 1 ½ hours, plus Classroom about 1 hour





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