

CHOOSE THE RESPONSE THAT BEST PROTECTS LIFE.

PROTECT options—not a sequence to complete.



RECOGNIZE WHEN THE RESPONSE MUST CHANGE

Conflict may call for engagement, boundaries, assistance, or L.O.V.E. De-Escalation. An immediate threat to life requires protective action. Respond to observable behavior and circumstances—not appearance or assumptions.



PREPARE

Know your environment, exits, alternate routes, communication methods, emergency procedures, and role. Preparation creates options before you need them.



RESTRICT ACCESS

Use available doors, barriers, or secured spaces to separate people from danger when feasible. Do not move toward danger simply to secure another location.



OBSERVE & REPORT

When safe, report the threat’s nature, location, movement, known injuries or hazards, and meaningful changes. Do not remain exposed or delay protective action to gather information.



TAKE ACTION

Take decisive protective action that fits the circumstances and your capabilities. Warn others, help when feasible, or secure an available space. Do not assume this means confronting, pursuing, or apprehending a threat.



ESCAPE

Move away from danger when a reasonably safe path is available. Use available exits or alternate routes. Do not follow a planned route into known danger or delay for belongings.



Conditions determine which options are available and appropriate. You may use more than one as circumstances change.



THE PROTECT CRITICAL THINKING CYCLE

OBSERVE

What is happening now?

DISCERN

What does this situation require?

ACT

What available action best protects life?

REASSESS

What changed?



WHEN RESPONDERS ARRIVE

Follow instructions. Keep hands visible when appropriate. Avoid sudden actions and do not interfere.



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