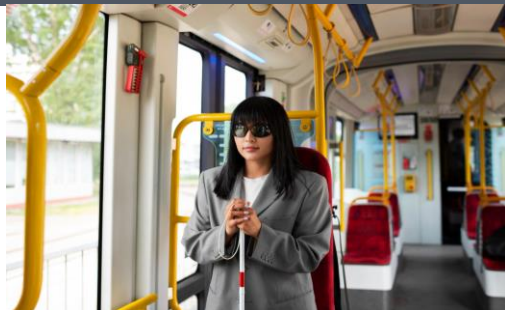




Over-the-Road and Transit Bus Best Practices: Active Assailant

Active shooter incidents can occur at any time, at any place, and without warning.

There are actions you can take to enhance your preparedness. The following are best practices for preparation, mitigation, and response to an active shooter/assailant situation aboard a moving school bus, motorcoach, or mass transit bus.



Remain Calm

- Calm people think more clearly



Know your environment

- Moving vehicle
- Confined space
- Very little ballistic protection
- Location of emergency exits



Recognize, Assess, and Report

- Suspicious behaviors or activities
- Potential for violence
- Describe assailant clothing and/or weapons



Alert and Help Others

- Activate panic button and/or emergency notification systems
- Warn passengers of the threat
- Assist in evacuation
- Render first aid to injured



Trust Your Instincts

- Make a response decision, and act



Understand Response Actions

Your actions will depend on your role (driver or passenger)

- Assess / React / Evacuate
- Modified Run / Hide / Fight



Situational Considerations

- Ability to off board passengers
- Near passenger pickup/drop off
- Availability of Intermodal connections



Train and Exercise

- Recognize the sound of a gunshot
- Active Shooter/Active Assailant response on a bus
- De-escalation techniques
- Stop the Bleed/CPR/First Aid
- Passenger Evacuation
- Working with Law Enforcement on/off the bus



Prepare Formal Recovery Plans

- Applies to security, cyber, and natural disaster incidents
- Address immediate needs, incident response, and operational recovery
- Ensure company vital resources remain available (personnel and assets)