

Active Assailant Awareness

General awareness for all Toronto Pearson employees



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The thought of an Active Assailant attack is a scenario that one would hope to never experience.

The GTAA has proactively taken steps with local Police in developing an **Active Assailant Emergency Response Plan** for the airport.

The first step is to promote general awareness at the front line so that all members of the airport community know what to do if they ever encountered an Active Assailant.

Objective

- Be aware!
- Be prepared to carry out possible steps to safeguard yourself in the event of an Active Assailant attack.

This presentation is intended to provide guidelines and general information for the airport community and is not intended to replace any emergency response or security plans of tenants or other airport community stakeholders corporate plans.

History

1985 - Rome and Vienna Attacks

Rome

El Al Airlines and Trans World Airlines
(Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport)
Assault by 4 gunmen with rifles and grenades.
16 lives lost, 99 wounded.

Vienna

Schwechat Airport (Vienna International Airport)
Hand grenades thrown into a passenger crowd.
3 lives lost, 39 wounded.



History

Los Angeles (LAX) Shootings

2002 – Los Angeles (LAX)

Lone gunman shot and killed an employee and passenger at an El Al Airlines ticket counter.

3 lives lost including perpetrator, 4 wounded.

2013 - Los Angeles (LAX)

TSA officer shot and killed at a passenger screening point.



Closer to home...

Toronto

2012 – Eaton Centre

Gunman shot and killed 2 and injured 5 others in a crowded food court.

2013 – Yorkdale Shopping Centre

Man shot dead execution style in the parking lot of a busy mall.

2014 – Ottawa, Parliament Hill

Lone gunman shot and killed soldier.
2 lives lost including perpetrator.



Unfortunately Active Assailant attacks have become frequent news in recent times.

Large public spaces like airports, schools, shopping malls, movie theatres, and amusement parks have been the unfortunate scene of such attacks.



Active Assailant Attack Characteristics

- Victims are commonly selected at random
- The attack is unpredictable and evolves quickly
- Law enforcement is usually required to end an Active Assailant attack

Statistics

Source: FBI

- The average Active Assailant attack lasts 12 minutes
- 1/3 are over in 5 minutes
- 40% are over before the arrival of law enforcement



If you hear the phrase:

“CODE SILVER”

over the airport public address system, this is to inform that an Active Assailant attack is in progress.

This coding originated in the hospital industry and has become familiar to first responders.

If you hear this announcement or are made aware of an Active Assailant attack, consider the following actions:

3 OPTIONS

Leave



Hide



or

Defend



Preplan an escape route

Leave



Don't take belongings with you...

Don't help the wounded.

Run to the safest nearest exits or space.

Warn others

Contact Airport Emergency/Police when it is safe to do so.



Barricade yourself...

Under a desk, table, closet, anywhere, FAST!

Lock the door to prevent entry...

Remain quiet until Police arrive. Silence phones, radios, or other noise making devices.



The last resort, SURVIVAL!

Shout, Punch, Kick...

Use any weapon available to you, a pen, a chair, scissors, computer, stapler etc.

Follow through on aggression, don't allow assailant to reload. Scream for help!



Defend

Click [here](#) to learn more about what to do to protect yourself against an Active Assailant. Although this is a simulated scenario, some may find this video disturbing. Viewer discretion advised.



When law enforcement arrives

- Try to remain calm
- Follow instructions from law enforcement
- Drop everything in your hands
- Keep hands visible
- Avoid quick movements

Summary

To safeguard yourself from an Active Assailant attack consider the following actions...



LEAVE



HIDE



DEFEND

Emergency Numbers:

9-1-1 and 416-776-3033

Thank you



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