



PREVENT MASS VIOLENCE

Active shooters do not snap - they consider, plan, and prepare for their attacks. Because of this, many active shooters **display concerning behaviors** prior to their attacks that others may be able to observe and identify in that person's life.

No single behavior means a person is on a path to committing targeted violence, but multiple concerning behaviors may indicate cause for concern. **Common concerning behaviors are:**

Significantly reduced ability to cope with stress or setbacks



Expressions of hopelessness, helplessness

Persistent fantasies about violence



Lack of non-violent options for solving problems

Creation of a manifesto, video, or suicide note to claim credit for an upcoming act of violence



Disclosure of violent plans or upcoming alarming events

Angry outbursts or physical aggression



Increasingly troublesome or concerning interactions with others

Behavior that makes others worried they may become violent



Reduced interest in hobbies or activities

Worsening performance at school or work



Testing boundaries or security at a possible target

Obsessive or troubling interest in obtaining weapons, tactical gear, and/or military paraphernalia



Obsessive or troubling interest in prior attackers or attacks

If you are concerned, **talk about your concerns with someone you respect**. Share what you know and discuss your options. If you choose to report your concerns, contact your local police department or the FBI by visiting www.tips.fbi.gov or calling 1-800-CALL-FBI.