

Written Emergency Plans The First 20 Minutes Can Save Lives

Actions taken within the first 20 minutes of any incident can be critical. In the event of an active shooter, the actions you take can mean the difference in survival or becoming a victim. If there were an incident involving an active shooter, does your facility have a plan in place to save lives?

Imagine sitting in your office gazing out the window and you see someone walking through the parking lot with an unauthorized weapon. Emergency plans you create today should include instructions on how to lockdown your facility. Do the occupants in your building know what to do to immediately secure occupied spaces and prevent intruder entry?

The easiest way not to become a victim is to establish and utilize lockdown plans. If you are unable to evacuate to a nearby interior room with no windows, make the room look unoccupied. Lock the doors and turn off the lights. Close all windows, blinds, and curtains. Turn off the ringers on all cellular telephones. If the door has a vision panel, cover it. If you are unable to cover the panel, move to an area that is out of sight and remain silent.

There are a few things to consider and include when developing a lockdown plan. Things like; is there a Mass Notification System in the building? How is the Mass Notification System activated and who has ability to activate the system? How can outside help be requested and what specific steps should be implemented during a lockdown?

All units aboard NCBC Gulfport are required to have written emergency procedures in place consisting coverage of bomb threats, fires, tornados, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, explosions, civil disturbances, hazardous material incidents, lockdowns, and loss of utility services. Facilities should also have procedures in place for other incidents or threats specific to your area of responsibility. Include

If you require assistance in getting your emergency plans updated, contact the NCBC Physical Security Officer by phoning 871-3561.