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### Active Crisis Consulting Ten-Point COVID-19 Security Awareness Guidepost

Each of these objectives is a guidepost. In this time of active pandemic crisis, we must face the fact that there are those persons who would rather take from others than purchase what they need. In order to assist you during these times we have provided these baseline pandemic safety objectives. Please remember these are guideposts that form a solid security base, but they need to be expanded upon and modified as circumstances continue to evolve.

If you need assistance, members of Active Crisis Consulting (ACC) will always be ready to help you in selecting the best protocols and training objectives for your environment. We will custom tailor these objectives for your organization and expand them to suit your individual needs. We offer live distance learning and online instruction 24/7 to our global customers. We also offer specialty pandemic response services including in-person wellness visits, security audits, face-to-face training and emergency assistance for those in desperate need. Once you contact us with your security and safety needs, we will conduct a risk assessment and determine whether services should be rendered in person or by video conference.

The foundation of the Active Crisis Consulting security awareness guidepost consists of ten points that act as pillars on which additional layers of security protocols can be added:

#### 1. Community Intelligence:

- Be aware of difficulties in the workplace, neighborhood, grocery stores, public transportation and commercial districts
- Be aware of troubled persons, potential threats or unknown personnel cruising your area
- Develop a system that provides assistance for citizens who are in need
- Promote a system that gives residents the confidence to notify officials of potential threats to your community and troubled persons in the area

#### 2. Project Safe Neighborhood:

- Foster community awareness and identify volunteer residents to be your extra eyes around the area you reside in. When this crisis is over, we will use these same objectives and volunteers to address problems with schools, community programs and other environmental issues
- Identify volunteer residents to assist with checking and reporting on unknown vehicles or people in the area

#### 3. Awareness

- Recognize all threats
- Develop intelligence sources
- Establish protocols (i.e. Who welcomes unannounced guests?)

#### **4. Harden Security for Approach to the Neighborhood/workspace**

- Consider size limits for the road, one or two lanes
- Direct the type of access, entrances and egress
- Distinguish between dead ends and through ways
- Establish or eliminate barricades
- Control and patrol parking lots
- Identify and eliminate hiding places

#### **5. Communications**

- Establish signals that designate the type of emergency
- Establish signals that indicate the direction of the threat
- Employ radio communications
- Leverage phone and internet communications
- Design and test alarms

#### **6. Understanding your Environment**

- Develop an impartial program to address theft of resources and hoarding
- Establish open communication with all residents to address conflict and promote mental health

#### **7. First Aid and Escape Bags**

- Get training on basic lifesaving methods, this can be found online
- Secure essential medical supplies including first aid kits with tourniquets
- Ensure you have a bag packed with some minimum essential supplies
  - An extra first aid kit
  - Whistle, air horn, flashlight (check batteries periodically)
  - Depending on your location, GPS
  - Any other items that you may need that a child could easily carry

#### **8. Harden Home Security**

- Consider types of doors and relative strengths/weaknesses
- Secure windows, practice opening and egress
- Consider types of locks, augment as needed
- Develop knowledge of your neighborhood layout

#### **9. Escape Plan**

- Utilize other structures in the area
- Locate local law enforcement
- Know where to run and rendezvous
- Know where to hide
- Measure distances to other structures
- Maintain knowledge of nearby buildings and floorplans
- Methods of fire prevention
- Find safe haven

## **10. Defensive Plan**

- Know when to run, when to hide and when to fight
- Familiarize yourself with various types of weapons
- Regularly conduct weapons training
- Create and utilize drill sheets for all emergency situations

Security training is a perishable skill, so once training is provided you must take it upon yourself to actively maintain your training skills and knowledge. Active Crisis Consulting has shared this simple security guidepost to assist anyone with establishing a strong security program. The right to security and self-defense is fundamental, but not without effort. We are in this together, so whether your community is mastering the basics, or learning advanced tactics, techniques and procedures, ACC's team of experts is here to assist you and those you care about. Always remember that tough times don't last, but tough people do.

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