



The First Ten Plays

RESPONDING TO TERRORISM*

- Act as you would for any other type of hazard since you have no immediate knowledge if it was an accident, a criminal act not associated with terrorism, or terrorist-based actions. Move quickly away from the threat from whatever incident is occurring---uphill, upwind, upstream---as this is usually a safe tactic.
- Move away from crowds at the scene as soon as possible unless you need medical attention.
- If you have immediate medical needs (burning eyes and skin, difficulty breathing, faintness, etc.) seek out first responder Emergency Medical Services at the scene. Timely treatment can reduce a host of more serious symptoms that could arise later.
- If you have certified skills to assist others, and you are capable, then assist with others needs as you can. However, at all times consider your own safety first as you cannot help others if you also become a victim.
- Seek out information when you can. If events keep escalating in a manner indicating human intent, you may indeed be in a terrorist environment. You should seek cover and protection from other actions such as secondary explosions, chemical releases, or gun fire.
- Use the materials you have in your Go Kit, if it is nearby, to assist your own safety and communicate with key contacts (using your contact list). Make all calls very brief so you don't tie up cell systems.
- Write down everything you saw and remember as soon as possible. If you have any film or pictures of the scene just before or after the event, protect them so they can be provided to authorities.
- Report to law enforcement authorities later and provide the information you have. At that time also find out if there are medical follow-up services available for those who were exposed.
- If you were harmed, record all of your injury information and losses due to your exposure to the attack. There may be financial aid later or civil suits that could give you some relief.
- Seek out counseling as soon as possible to talk to professional mental health experts. You need to find an outlet for your emotional trauma especially if you were in a particularly violent event with loss of life.

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* *These are not listed in order of importance but as a group of materials that will increase the possibility of positive outcomes.*