

11 Dec 2018 Strasbourg attack

On 11 December 2018, 29-year-old Cherif Chekatt began his attack near a crowded Christmas market in the eastern French city of Strasbourg. Armed with a handgun and a knife, he started shooting and stabbing people in his way. Five people died as a result of the attack, including a tourist, while 13 others were injured.

Our Response Matters

Be aware of the surroundings

It is important that everyone at the workplace stays vigilant, as being aware of the surrounding can make a difference between life and death. Employers should sensitise staff to the terror threats and train them on areas such as identifying tell-tale indicators. Next, employers could also test staffs' vigilance by conducting red-teaming exercises.

Responding quickly and effectively

Employees would have the best chance of survival if they are familiar with RUN-HIDE-TELL and PRESS-TIE-TELL. Employers can regularly disseminate materials to remind employees to:

1. **RUN** away from the direction of the attack in the event of a commotion or an attack, and watch out for the people surrounding them.
2. **HIDE** if an escape is not possible. Those operating a shop should get as many people in as possible and roll down the shutters or lock the doors if an attack is happening nearby.
3. Help injured employees even if they do not have medical knowledge by **PRESSING** directly on the wound, if a person is bleeding. **TIE** above the wound and **TELL** paramedics the time it was tied.

Employers are also highly encouraged to conduct regular exercises to familiarise employees on the evacuation routes and procedures, and also send employees for life-saving courses such as first aid, CPR and AED.

Do stay alert this holiday season!



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Encourage your building's managing agent to register with the Safety and Security Watch Group www.police.gov.sg/resources/prevent-terrorism/safety-and-security-watch-group-scheme



Refer to the advisories providing general principles on contingency planning and protective security www.police.gov.sg/cpps