

Practical Lifesaving Solutions Review - 2018 School Shootings

On Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 2 students were killed and 16 others were wounded when a 15-year-old boy armed with a handgun opened fire inside Marshall County High School, Benton, Kentucky. Tuesday's school shooting came a day after a 15-year-old girl was wounded at Italy High School in Texas after someone opened fire inside the cafeteria.

A New York Times article (<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/23/us/kentucky-school-shooting.html>) noted this was the 11th school shooting since the beginning of the year.

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School Shooting in Kentucky Was Nation's 11th of Year. It Was Jan. 23.

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Violence in our schools, businesses, houses or worship, college campuses, etc., continue to be on the rise. School administrators across the country have been placing greater emphasis on preparing for active shooter events. According to a report issued by the Government Accountability Office in March 2016, 32 states require districts to have emergency operations plans and almost all states reported providing training and some level of assistance to help districts develop plans.



In GAO's survey of 51 state educational agencies, 32 states reported that they require districts to have emergency operations plans, 34 reported they require schools to have plans, and almost all states reported providing training, technical assistance, or guidance to support districts in developing or implementing plans. GAO's survey also found that 32 states reported requiring districts to conduct emergency exercises, such as drills, and 40 states reported requiring individual schools to do so. In addition, many states reported allowing districts and schools to determine specific plan content, with fewer than half reporting that they required districts or states to review district or school plans.

GAO's generalizable survey of school districts estimates that most districts updated and practiced their emergency operations plans with first responders, but struggled to balance emergency planning with other priorities. GAO's survey results also found that most districts had plans addressing multiple hazards and emergency procedures, such as evacuation. However, GAO estimates about half of districts included procedures on continuing operations or recovering after an incident. GAO also found most districts conducted emergency exercises, such as fire drills, and about half did so annually with police and fire department officials. However, an estimated 59 percent of districts had difficulty balancing emergency planning with higher priorities, such as classroom instruction time.

School safety experts recognize evacuation and shelter in place drills are important safeguards. However, generally overlooked are the steps to be taken by those present to help the critically wounded. During the event and in the early aftermath, prior to law enforcement securing the scene, victim sustainability becomes the responsibility of those present. Greater emphasis needs to be placed on what those in the midst of the violence can do to help one another survive. And they need to be provided with the means to do it.

Daniel Austin, a special needs student, was one of 16 students that suffered gunshot wounds in the recent shooting at Marshall County High School in Kentucky. Austin was shot in the arm. A teacher and another student picked Austin up, put him in a car and rushed him to a nearby hospital. His brother was quoted in a news article stating, ***"He got shot in the arm and I heard that his arm might be amputated. There is a 90 percent chance he's going to keep his arm now, which I'm grateful for."*** Were it not for the immediate actions of those close to him, Austin may not have survived.

We at PLS continue to advocate public access bleeding control stations at businesses, schools, houses of worship, etc. All venues where people work and/or congregate have the potential to become targeted by ***"active shooters."*** Through basic first aid training, providing people with the products to stop the bleeding and prevent shock we can all potentially save a life that otherwise might not survive until law enforcement and emergency medical personnel arrive. Please review the options below that are available to you or contact us directly to discuss a customized program.

Our Products



Bleeding Control Station



Bleeding Control Station with Go-Bags



Individual Go-Bags



IFAK



[IFAK Contents]



IFAK with Visor Clip



Individual Trauma Kits Include:



- a. CAT Tourniquet (generation 7)
- b. 4" mini-compression bandage
- c. Compressed gauze
- d. Nitrile Gloves
- e. Heat Sheet Blanket
- f. Medic Scissors
- g. Grease Pencil
- h. Sequence of Care Card