

## PREVENT MASS VIOLENCE

How to spot signs of targeted violence in your **friends**, **family**, **and loved ones** – and get them help.



Learn more at: www.fbi.gov/Prevent

**Concerning behaviors** are signs that someone may be considering an act of violence.

**No single behavior** means a person is on a path to committing targeted violence, but multiple behaviors may be cause for concern. Common concerning behaviors are:

- · Significantly reduced ability to cope with stress
- · Lack of *non-violent options* for solving their problems
- · Disclosure of violent plans
- · Fantasies about violence

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- · Angry outbursts or physical aggression
- · Behavior that makes other people worried that they may become violent
- · Réduced interest in hobbies and other activities; worsening performance at school or work
- · Obsessive or troubling interest in prior attackers or attacks
- · Obsessive or troubling interest in obtaining firearms, other weapons, tactical gear, clothing, and/or military paraphernalia
- · Creation of a manifesto, video, suicide note, or other efforts *designed to claim credit* for an upcoming act of violence
- Testing the boundaries or probing security at a possible target

## **TELL WHO**

If you are concerned, talk about your concerns with someone you trust. Share what you know and discuss your options. If you choose to report your concerns, you may contact your:

your local police department on the phone or walk in to report your concerns in person.

LOCAL FBI OFFICE. Report your concerns to the FBI by visiting www.tips.fbi.gov, calling 1-800-CALL-FBI, or visiting your local FBI office.

**CHECK LOCAL RESOURCES** for relevant tip lines, threat assessment teams, or mental health professionals.

