

EDMACAS Active Shooter Scenario



In this section, participants split into two groups and participate in an exercise where a shooter is active in the ED. Using the principles of “run, hide and act” participants move through a “pause and discuss” scenario in generic emergency department rooms. At various points in the scenario, we will stop you all and ask questions/explain what is happening, then we will restart the scenario and move on. Our staff and security will direct you the correct way. They may stop you from moving any further at certain sections. Don’t run off anywhere or move beyond the stop points otherwise you will miss the discussions.

Please note, at no time will you be actually threatened or shot at or shot at by an active shooter. You may feel some unease during the scenario and the situations you may find yourself in. There will be simulated gunfire and some noise. The aim is not to frighten but to prompt you to think through the situations. Hopefully, your thoughts and discussions will lead to real life advice for staff and plans in your department to deal with the active shooter situation should it arise.

There will be further debriefing and discussion with the whole group at the conclusion of the active shooter exercises. This will enable groups from different hospitals and our Vic Pol representative to evaluate and refine current active shooter/code black plans and consider their preparedness.