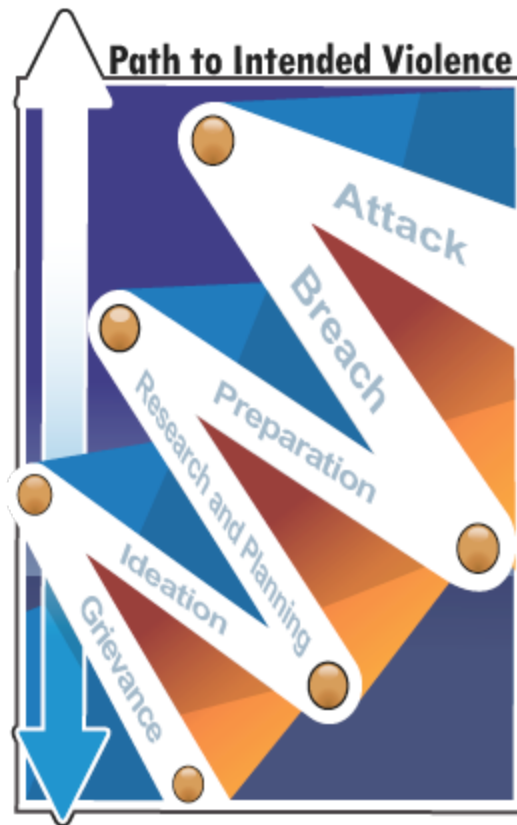


Path to Intended Violence



Grievance

Grievance occurs when the aggressor develops a grievance. The following types of behaviors indicate grievance:

- Expressing a sense of injustice
- Taking on a sense of mission
- Showing suffering over some loss
- Describing a sense of destiny involving violence or a violent outcome
- Communicating a desire for revenge
- Seeking recognition or fame through the act of violence

Ideation

Ideation occurs when the aggressor gets the idea that violence will resolve the grievance. The following types of behaviors indicate ideation:

- Discussing with others the idea of acting violently
- Making threats or engaging in threatening or intimidating acts

- Creating a diary or blog justifying the need for violence and detailing the grievance
- Identifying with others who have engaged in acts of violence
- Expressing the conviction that violence is the only alternative to rectify the grievance
- Showing an unusual or exaggerated fascination with weapons
- Becoming obsessed with a specific anniversary

Research and Plan Attack

Research and planning occurs when the aggressor begins researching and planning the use of violence against the target. The following types of behaviors indicate research and planning:

- Stalking the target
- Conducting research on the target
- Making suspicious inquiries
- Gathering information pertinent to the target or the target's environment
- Conducting surveillance
- Testing ways to bypass whatever security may be in place
- Making lists of things to do or of equipment, including weapons, to obtain

Preparation

Preparation occurs when the aggressor makes preparations for the use of violence according to the dictates of the plan. The following types of behaviors indicate preparation:

- Acquiring a weapon of choice
- Gathering the necessary equipment
- Arranging transportation
- Observing significant dates
- Dressing in the attire required by the plan
- Conducting final-act behaviors

Breach

Breach occurs when the aggressor tries to overcome or get around any security that may be in place to protect the target. The following types of behaviors indicate breach:

- Overcoming any barrier or physical security
- Sneaking up on the target
- Approaching the target with a weapon

Attack

Attack occurs when the aggressor uses violence against the target.