



HOW TO IDENTIFY A PUBLIC THREAT

Overview

- The Anatomy of an Attack
- The Attack Cycle
- Pre-Attack Indicators
- Not Looking Like a Victim
- Awareness Activity
- Discussion



Anatomy of an Attack



The Attack Cycle

PREDATOR MINDSET

Look

Are there any soft targets available?

Choose

Which soft target is most appealing in terms of risk vs reward?

PRE-ATTACK

Stalk

Is this really the right target?
Are there any witnesses?
How do I get close?
What's my escape route?

Close

Get close enough to attack.
Use conversation to disarm, or justify moving closer.
Use distracting techniques.

Attack

Sudden
Fast
Violent
Short

Looking for a Target

The Predator Mindset:

- **Crime is “work”**
 - Logical, not Emotional
- **The Path of Least Resistance**
 - Lowest Risk, Highest Reward
- **Looking for a Soft Target**





Choosing a Soft Target

Primary - Awareness Based

- Unaware
- Distracted
- Not Paying Attention

Secondary - Preparedness Based

- Weak
- Easily Accessible
- Alone

Stalking and Closing Distance

- Verify their target choice is correct and form a plan of attack
- Closing in - move into an attack position

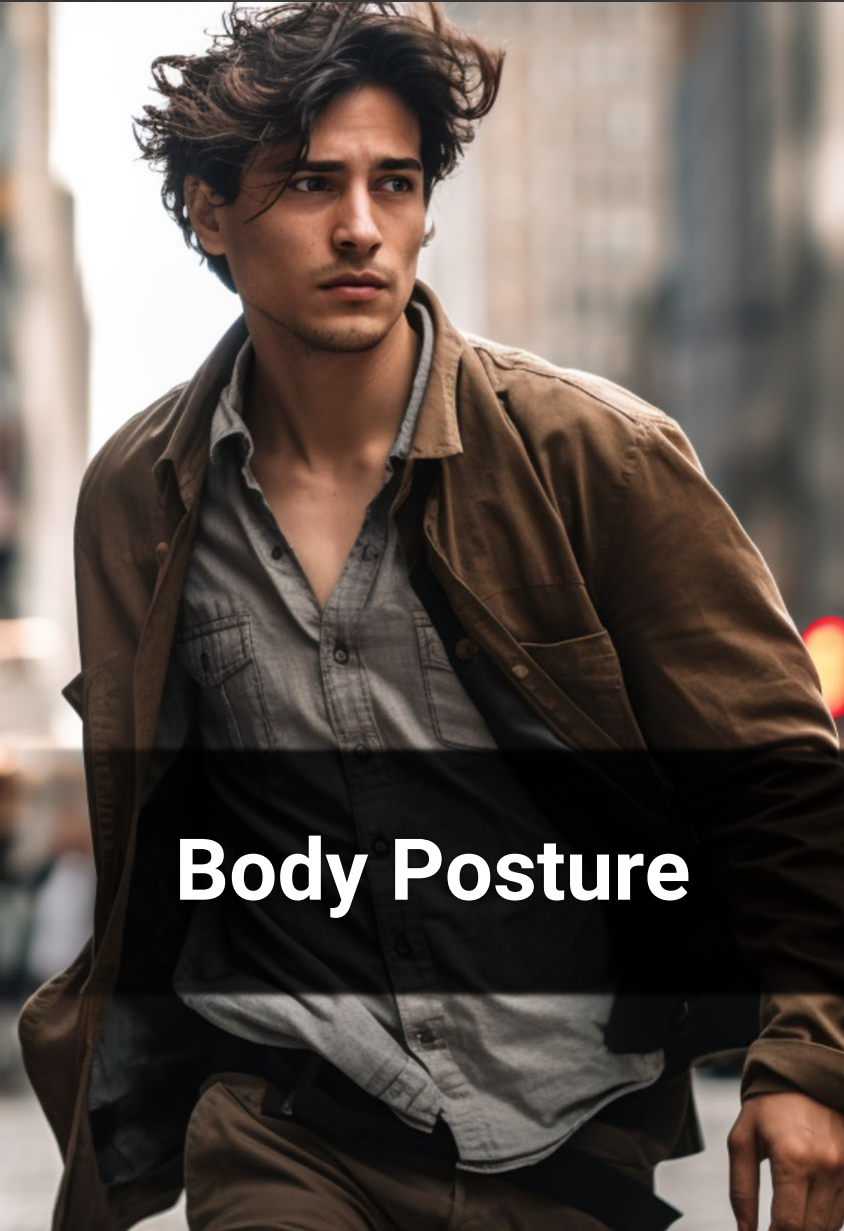


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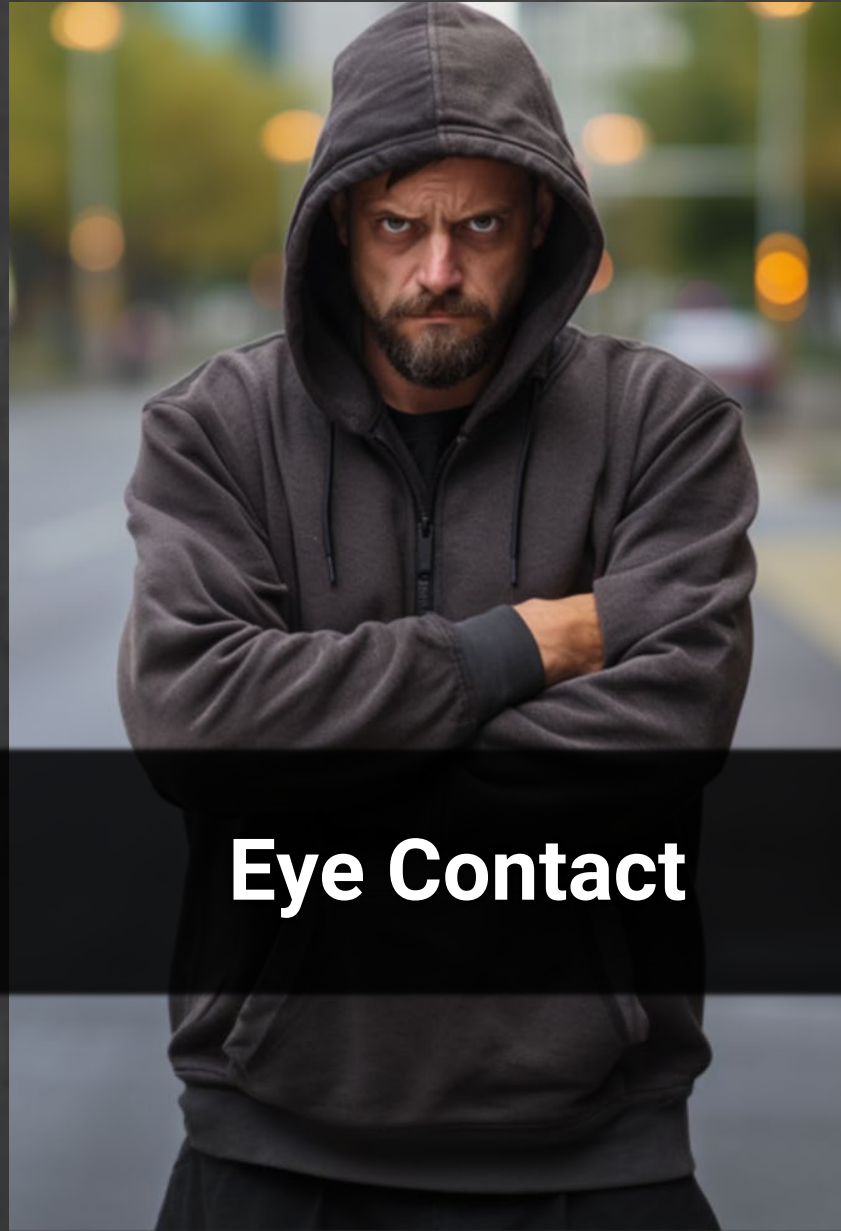
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Pre-Attack Indicators



Body Posture



Eye Contact



Hands

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Perception

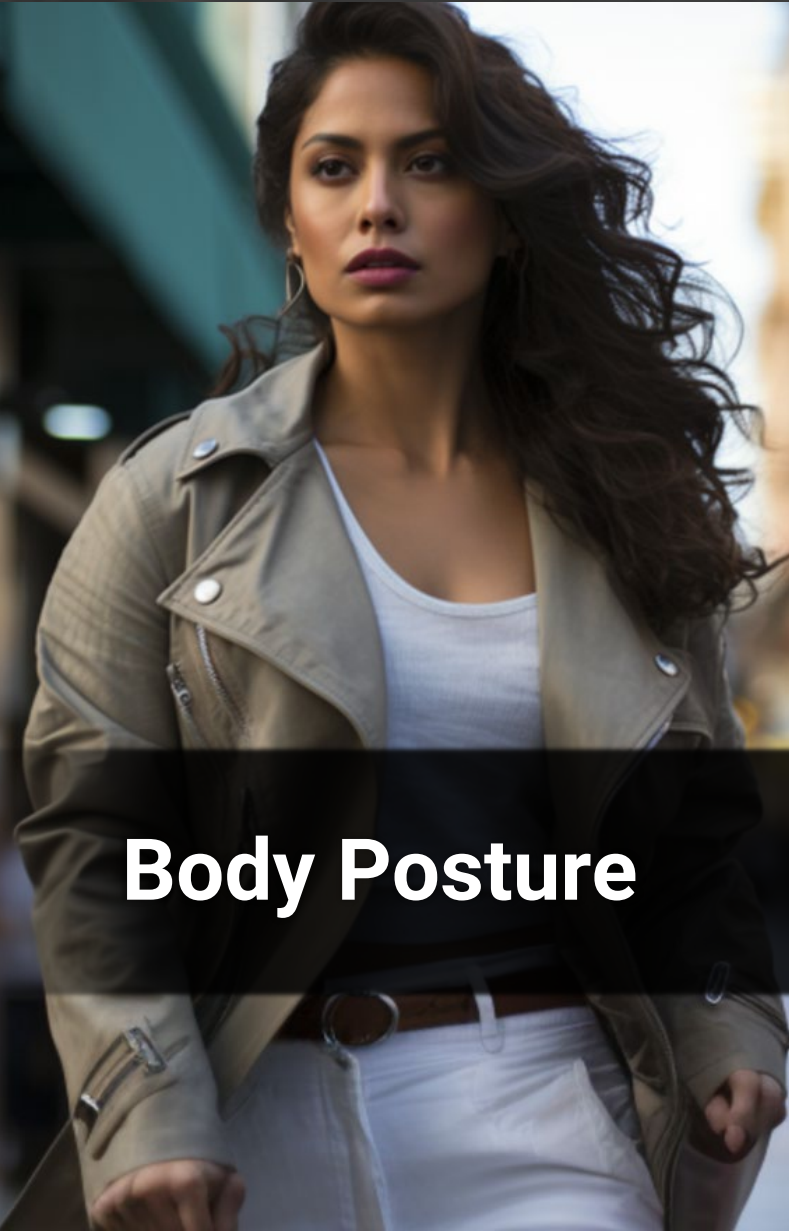


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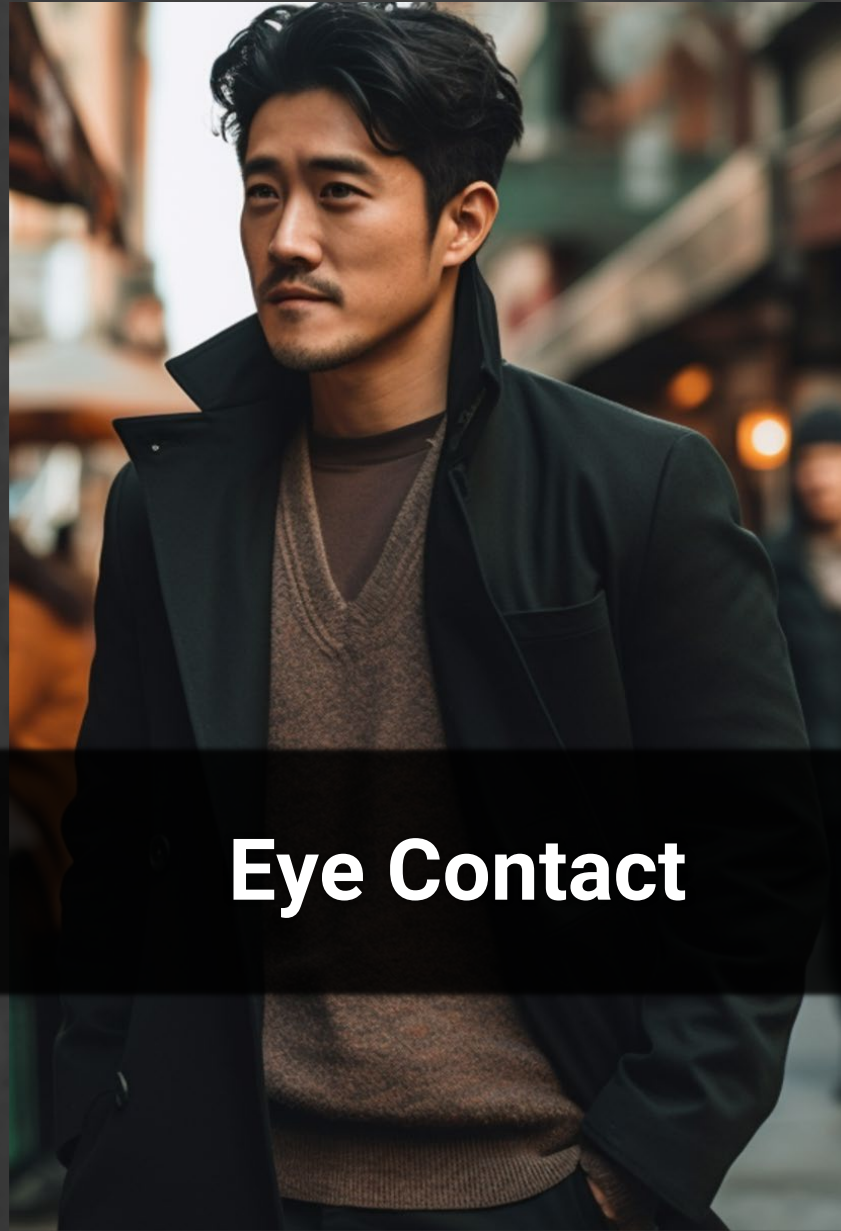


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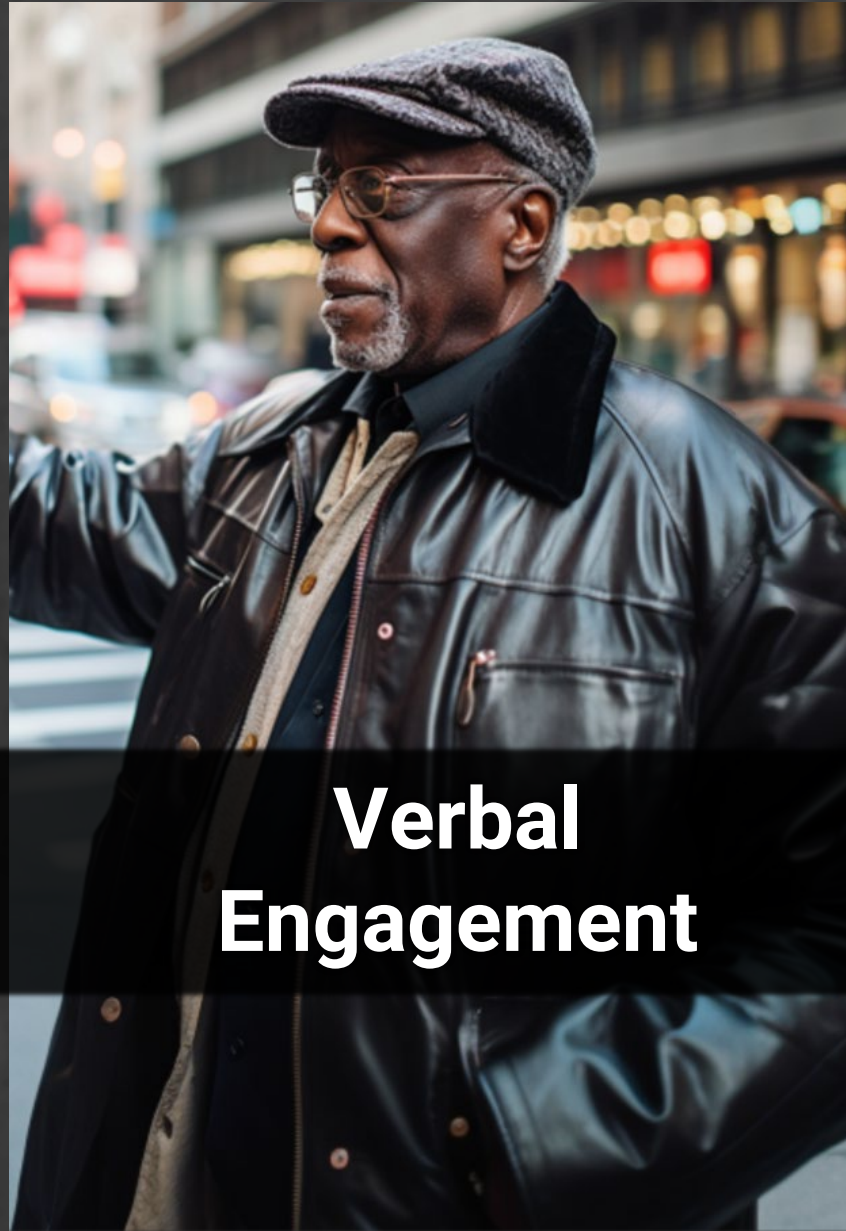


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Perception

Activity: The Reception Line



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All of you are attending the inaugural ball of your newly elected Governor. You are all here to congratulate the governor, ask questions, share concerns, and wish them well in their new elected position. Upon entering the ballroom, the Governor found a note in their pocket warning them that an assassin would make an attempt on their life tonight. There is no way to tell if the threat is credible, and the security detail has not yet been made aware, so it is up to the Governor to watch for the threat.

Roles:

- Governor: shake hands and mingle with your constituents.
- Guests: Congratulate the Governor, mingle with the other guests.
- Assassin: Kill the Governor.



Activity: The Reception Line

Rules

- At the beginning of the scenario, all students will line up and shake hands with the Governor, then mingle with each other and the Governor around the room.
- The scenario will run for 5 minutes. The assassin can strike at any time.
- The only way the assassin can kill the Governor is by making contact with the training knife.
- If the Governor spots the assassin before the blade makes contact, the assassin fails.
- If time permits, we will restart the scenario with a new Governor and assassin.



Debrief Discussion

Governor

- What pre-attack indicators did you notice?
- What was the most difficult part of identifying the threat?

Assassin

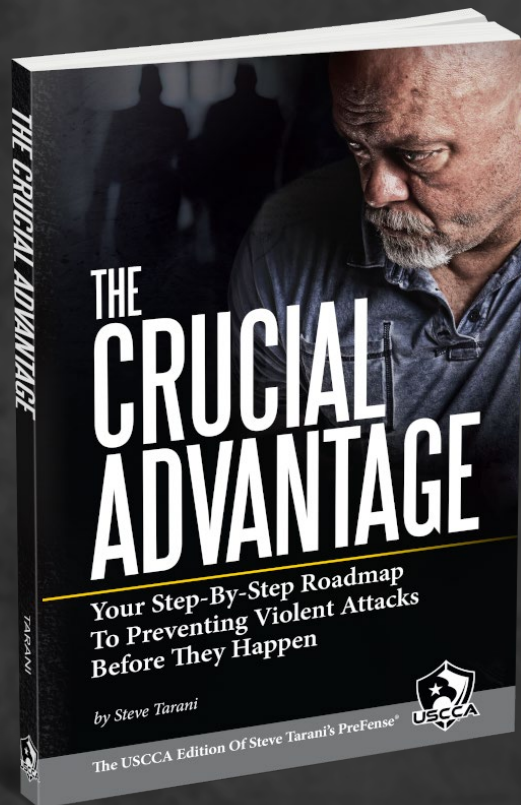
- How did you decide when to attack?
- What was the most difficult part of carrying out your attack?





QUESTIONS?

NEXT STEPS



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