

## ASPR TRACIE Technical Assistance Request

**Requestor:**

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**Response Date:** 9 February 2018

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**Request:**

The requestor asked if ASPR TRACIE had templates for hostage situations in healthcare facilities; particular in long-term care facilities.

**Response:**

The ASPR TRACIE Team reviewed several existing Topic Collections, including the [Explosives and Mass Shooting](#), [Workplace Violence](#), and [Long-term Care Facilities](#) Topic Collections. We would like to highlight the [Explosives and Mass Shooting](#) Topic Collection, specifically the Plans, Tools, and Templates section, as active shooter events may transition to hostage situations. A list of comprehensively developed Topic Collections can be found here: <https://asprtracie.hhs.gov/technical-resources/topic-collection>.

The ASPR TRACIE Team also conducted an online literature review for additional plans, tools, and templates related to hostage situations in healthcare facilities. All resources collected are provided below.

### I. Hostage Scenario-Specific Plans, Tools, and Templates

California Hospital Association. (2012). [Hospital Code Silver Activation; Active Shooter Planning Checklist](#).

This checklist is designed to help healthcare facilities in the decision-making process during an active shooter scenario. It also addresses hostage situations throughout the document.

California Hospital Association. (2016). [Planning for Active Shooter Incidents](#).

This webpage provides two pages of links to resources that can help hospitals and other healthcare facilities plan for active shooter incidents. It includes a checklist, plans, guidelines, educational videos, and other materials. **Note:** On this webpage, please review the [Active Shooter Planning and Response in a Health Care Setting Guidance 2017](#).

Hostage situations are addressed throughout the document, and specific procedures are outlined starting on page 93.

Louisiana Hospital Association. (n.d.). [Sample Policy: Code Silver, Individual with a Weapon or Hostage Situation](#). (Accessed 2/8/2018.)

This document identifies the policies and procedures a hospital should follow during a hostage situation or an incident where an individual is wielding/ firing a weapon.

The Center for HICS Education and Training. (n.d.). [Incident Planning Guide: Hostage or Barricade Incident](#). (Accessed 2/8/2018.)

This guide introduces a scenario associated with a hospital hostage situation, and includes checklists for hospital and emergency management program staff to consider when addressing this type of incident.

The Center for HICS Education and Training. (n.d.). [Incident Response Guide: Hostage or Barricade Incident](#). (Accessed 2/8/2018.)

This guide provides checklists of tasks that should be completed by hospital staff during a hostage or barricade incident in the hospital. It includes checklists for the various response timeframes: immediate response (0-2 hours), intermediate response (2-12 hours), extended response (greater than 12 hours), and demobilization/ system recovery.