



# KEY BTAM CONCEPTS

## BTAM Process

- **Identify** situations/subjects of concern
- **Inquire/Investigate:** Gather information
- **Assess** situation contextually
- **Manage** situation holistically

## Pathway to Violence

- Grievance
  - Ideation
  - Planning
  - Preparation
  - Implementation
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## Grievances

- Personal
  - Political
  - Religious
  - Racial/Ethnic
  - Environmental
  - Special Interest
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## Domains of Assessment/Intervention

- S** Subject
  - T** Target
  - E** Environment
  - P** Precipitating Events
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## Preparation Components

- M** Means
  - M** Method
  - O** Opportunity
  - P** Proximity
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## Motivations

- Justice
  - Revenge
  - Notoriety
  - Despair/desperation
  - Death
  - Martyrdom
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## Triage/ Assessment:

**S** Is Subject engaging in behavior(s) causing concerns for violence, significant disruption or need for assistance?

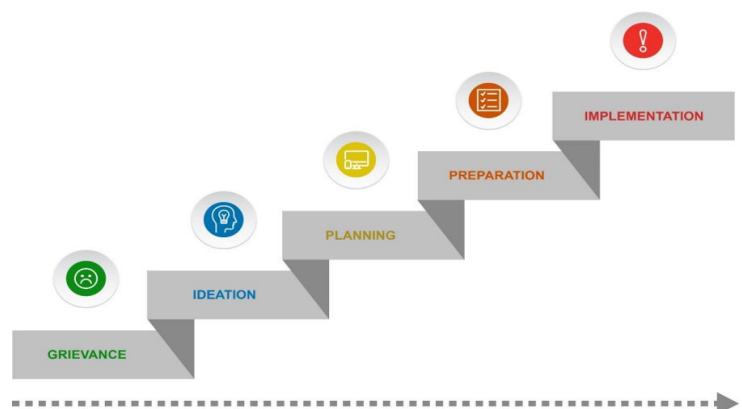
**T** Are Targets (or others) concerned, impacted, vulnerable, taking protective actions, or need assistance??

**E** Are there significant Environmental/systemic issues impacting the situation?

**P** Are there reasonably foreseeable Precipitating events that may impact the situation?

**+ Are there identifiable actions to mitigate concerns, that are purview of BTAM Team?**

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### **Protective Factors**

- P Positive personal attachments
  - R Remorse is genuine
  - O Obeys limits
  - T Takes sanctioned actions on grievances
  - E Enjoys life and freedom
  - C Coping skills are positive
  - T Treatment compliance
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### **Priority / Level of Concern**

**Priority 1 (Critical)** – Subject poses imminent threat of serious violence or harm to self/others. Target/others vulnerable and/or have support needs. Environmental/systemic factors & Precipitating events typically present. Requires immediate law enforcement and administration notification and response, subject mitigation & containment, activation of crisis management and notification protocols, target warning, target protection & support plan, ongoing assessment and management plan, and active monitoring.

**Priority 2 (High)** – Subject poses, or is rapidly developing intent/capability for, a threat of serious violence or harm to self /others; and/or is in urgent need of intervention/assistance. Target/others vulnerable and/or have support needs. Environmental/systemic factors & Precipitating events typically present. Requires law enforcement/security & administration notification, subject mitigation plan, activation of crisis management and notification protocols as appropriate, target notification, target protection and support plan, ongoing assessment and management plan, and active monitoring.

**Priority 3 (Moderate)** – Subject not known to pose a threat of serious violence or harm though risk cannot be ruled-out. Subject may be developing capability for harm and/or engaging in concerning or threatening behaviors that indicate need for assistance/intervention. Targets/others likely concerned and impacted. Environmental/systemic factors & Precipitating Events may be present. Notify law enforcement/security & administration as appropriate. Requires ongoing assessment and management plan, referrals as appropriate, and active monitoring.

**Priority 4 (Low)** – Subject does not indicate a threat of violence or harm to self/others; but would/may benefit from intervention/assistance. Target or Environmental/systemic concerns, or Precipitating Events may be present at low levels. May involve ongoing assessment/management with passive monitoring or periodic active monitoring. Referrals as appropriate. Close case if no BTAM interventions or monitoring indicated.

**Priority 5 (No Identified Concerns)** – Subject does not pose threat of violence or harm to self or others; nor need for BTAM assistance or intervention. No Target needs, Environmental/systemic factors, or Precipitating Events that need BTAM intervention. Close case.