

Hostage and Abduction Awareness

Reasons For Abduction

- Criminality, Money, Financial Gain
- Political Statement/Gain
- Mental Instability &/Or Sexual Gain

Considerations

- What Makes Us A Target
- Routines and Patterns
- Personal Security Awareness

Threat Assessment

- History/Current Events
- Who Is at Risk
- Who Is Likely To Commit The Offence
- Where Is The Greatest Risk
- When Is The Risk Greatest

Stages of hostage taking

Intimidation Phase - Initial Takeover

- Possible violence
- Unexpected, Place of their choosing
- Disorientation
- Captors vulnerable
- Shock of capture
- Sustain injury
- Best chance to evade
- Your response

Custodial Stage

- More secure area
- One of their choice
- Further away from friends
- Clothing & Equipment
- Hoods/masks
- Escape
- Captors Plan Unfolding
- Processing and Segregation

- Interrogation
- Captivity Routine
- Physical & Mental Problems

Physical Problems

- Sustained Injury
- Food and Water
- Hygiene and Toilet
- Inactivity and Confinement
- Climate and Conditioning
- Violence

Mental Problems

- Fear and Anxiety
- Boredom
- Lack of Communication
- Despair, Loss of Control
- Frustration
- Guilt

What Can We Do? (Long term captivity)

- Maintain Hope and Belief in “It will end”
- Keep To a Routine, Health and Exercise
- Build Rapport With Captors
- Stockholm syndrome
- Communication
- Your Mental Attitude
- Compliance
- Be The “Grey Man”
- Understanding their needs
- Faith

Resolution Stage

- Equally as dangerous as the initial takeover stage
- Escape
- Execution
- Release
- Rescue