

AVADE[®]

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION

PEPPER SPRAY DEFENSE™

COURSE OBJECTIVES



Education, Prevention, and Mitigation for Violence in the Workplace

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Modules and Objectives

This training and education is designed to empower officers, increase awareness, knowledge, skills, and responses with regard to using pepper spray for self-defense, defense of others, or to control an aggressive individual.

The AVADE® Pepper Spray Defense™ training equips public safety officers with the knowledge and skills to safely use pepper spray for self-defense and controlling aggressive individuals. It covers fundamental self-defense tactics, proper holding and spraying techniques, escape strategies, and post-incident decontamination and documentation. The course emphasizes understanding legal and ethical aspects of force and is designed to mitigate injury and liability risks. It prepares officers to effectively handle real-world situations involving violent or resistive behavior while ensuring compliance with agency protocols.

WHAT IS PEPPER SPRAY?

The learner will be able to define pepper spray, describe its effects, explain its uses, discuss safety precautions when handling and using pepper spray, and evaluate its effectiveness as a self-defense tool in different scenarios.

USE OF FORCE AND SELF-DEFENSE

The learner will be able to differentiate between various levels of use of force, including lethal and non-lethal options, and demonstrate an understanding of the legal and ethical principles surrounding self-defense, including the use of force continuum and reasonable use of force in various incidents.

DEFENSIVE TACTICS FUNDAMENTALS

The learner will be able to understand and perform the fundamentals of defense. They will also be able to articulate that the fundamentals are a foundation to build upon regarding defensive tactics.

HOLDING AND DRAWING POSITIONS

The learner will be able to safely and effectively hold and draw the OC pepper spray, demonstrating proper techniques for deployment, aiming, and controlling the spray pattern.

PERSONAL DEFENSE TECHNIQUES

The learner will be able to demonstrate two effective OC pepper spray personal defense techniques: block and spray, and block, draw, and spray. They will show proficiency in proper deployment, target acquisition, spray control, and follow-up actions.

CONTACT AND COVER POSITIONING

The learner will be able to demonstrate proper contact and cover positioning with OC spray in three situations: standing, kneeling, and prone. They will show proficiency in minimizing the risk of cross-contamination of partners and others while effectively using OC spray for personal defense.

SPRAYING TECHNIQUES

The learner will understand five OC pepper spray delivery systems: fogger, cone, stream, gel, and foam. They will understand the appropriate use cases for each spray type, demonstrate proper deployment methods, and apply these techniques effectively while considering factors such as effect to aggressor, wind direction, distance, and potential cross-contamination.

ESCAPE TECHNIQUES

The learner will be able to demonstrate three effective escape techniques using OC pepper spray: standing, kneeling, and prone. They will understand the specific scenarios where each escape is appropriate, demonstrate proper execution of the techniques, and apply them skillfully in situations where disengaging from a subject is necessary.

POST-DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURES

The learner will be able to understand and implement proper post-decontamination procedures following OC pepper spray exposure. They will demonstrate knowledge of effective decontamination methods, including skin and clothing decontamination, equipment cleaning, and first aid measures, to ensure the safety and well-being of both themselves and others after OC spray exposure.

POST-INCIDENT RESPONSE AND DOCUMENTATION

The learner will understand the importance of implementing post-incident response protocols following a violent incident, focusing on triage, reporting, debriefing, documentation, and corrective actions to ensure safety and risk mitigation.