

## Stop the Bleed

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One million teachers, students, and community members have been trained in ‘Stop the Bleed ‘ - are you among the one million? According to the IES: The National Center for Educational Statistics, (NCES) there are 132,656 schools in the US, which accounts for 62.8 million people (students, faculty, and staff). In fall 2019, about 56.6 million students will attend elementary and secondary schools, including 50.8 million students in public schools and 5.8 million in private schools. The deadliest school shooting in the United States was the Virginia Tech massacre, with 33 fatalities, and 23 injuries. The next deadliest fatal school shooting was the Sandy Hook Elementary massacre in Newtown, Connecticut, with 27 fatalities. Teachers, administrators, and staff have said if only I had known what to do or could have done something to help. STOP the BLEED is a program that was launched by the White House in October 2015. It is a National Awareness campaign and call to action for Good Samaritans of all ages to get involved. The trained individual is equipped to deal with bleeding emergencies, empowered to assist, so that they can help with a bleeding emergency before the Emergency Medical Care arrives on the scene. Loss of life from severe blood loss can happen in as little as 4-5 minutes, so it is critical to control bleeding as soon as possible. Bleeding control kits with tourniquets will be as common as AED’s in public places. We need to be proactive and advocate for safety training of adults and students.