# APPROACH-LINE AWARENESS

RECOGNIZE WHEN ANOTHER PERSON'S PATH IS CONVERGING INTENTIONALLY RATHER THAN INCIDENTALLY.

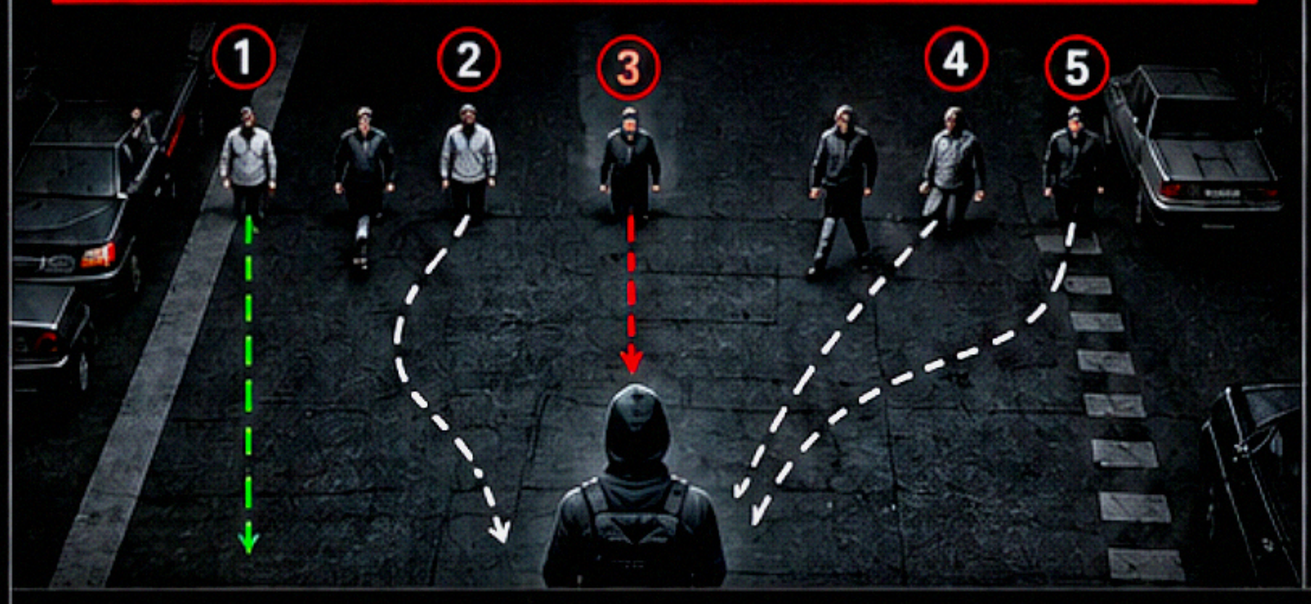



## WHAT IS APPROACH-LINE AWARENESS?

It is the ability to read, in real time, the paths of people around you and identify when someone is adjusting their movement to close distance with you on purpose.

Most approaches are telegraphed before a word is spoken. Your advantage is in the recognition.

## READING APPROACH LINES




1 NO CONCERN Parallel Path
2 LOW CONCERN Incidental Cross
3 HIGH CONCERN Direct Convergence
4 MODERATE CONCERN Angle Cut
5 LOW CONCERN Random Walk

## INTENT INDICATORS

**Path Correction Toward You**
They adjust their line to reduce the distance between your position and theirs.

**Sustained Visual Lock**
Repeated glances or continuous focus while closing distance.

**Speed Adjustment**
They slow down or speed up to match your pace and maintain convergence.

**Angle Reduction**
They cut the corner or take a more direct route to intersect your path.

**Context Inconsistency**
Their approach does not align with the flow or purpose of the environment.

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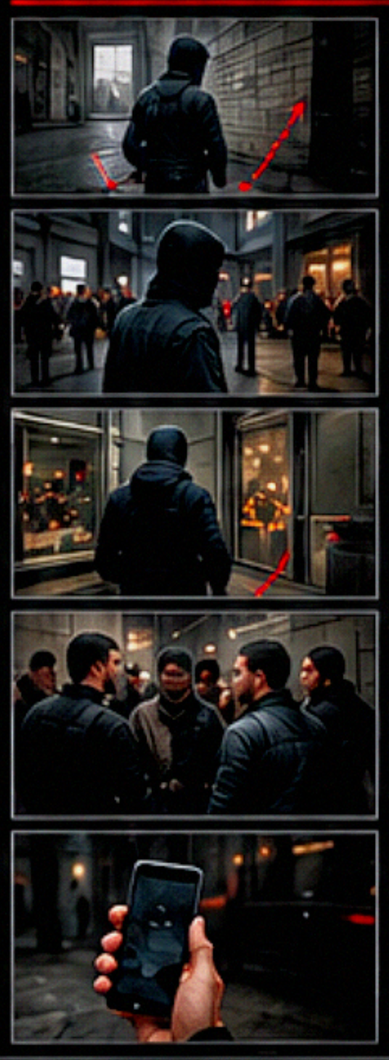
## REAL-TIME DETECTION CHECKLIST

- **ESTABLISH BASELINE** ☑
  Know your destination, pace, and route. Without a baseline, you cannot detect deviation.
- **SCAN APPROACH AXES** ☑
  Use 180° awareness. Check primary approach vectors: front, sides, intersections, entrances.
- **WATCH FOR ADJUSTMENTS** ☑
  Look for changes in speed, direction, or body orientation toward you.
- **TRACK TIME TO INTERSECT** ☑
  Calculate estimated time until their path intersects yours. Shorter times = higher risk.
- **CHECK CONTEXT** ☑
  Validate if their presence and approach make sense for the environment.
- **DECIDE & ACT** ☑
  Classify risk and choose your response early. Action taken early preserves options.

## RESPONSE OPTIONS



**CHANGE PATH**
Alter your route subtly. Cross the street, enter a building, or take a different turn.

**CHANGE PACE**
Speed up or slow down to break timing synchronization.

**USE ENVIRONMENT**
Step into a store, stand near employees, or position near cameras and lighting.

**CREATE SEPARATION**
Move toward a crowd or obstacle to increase distance and complexity.

**COMMUNICATE IF NEEDED**
Alert a trusted contact or local authority if the convergence feels hostile.

**REMEMBER:** Most threats do not start with words. They start with movement. The earlier you read it, the more options you keep, and more control.

**TRAINING TIP**
Practice in safe environments. Observe, predict, and verify.