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Better Safe Than Sorry: Episode 3, Are You Prepared for a Crisis?
 Abby Cage and Camille Columbus

AUDIO/TIME	SCRIPT	NOTES
INTRO: 40 seconds		
MUSIC: 3 seconds		
HOST 1	In a moment's notice the world can be turned upside down. (insert police siren) Are you prepared? (insert ambulance siren) What should you do (insert gunshot) to keep yourself and others safe instead of sorry. This is another episode of Better Safe than Sorry, where we talk about how to prepare for the unexpected. I'm your co-host, Camille Columbus.	Sounds will be inserted after "down", after "prepared" and after "do."
HOST 2	And I'm Abby Cage. Before we get started, have you ever asked yourself these questions? Are you prepared for a crisis? Or is the place you live prepared for an active shooter?	
BODY: 5 minutes		
HOST 1	So, today's topic was chosen because of recent events on college campuses. We always start our episodes with a trigger warning because we know these topics can be very sensitive. With that said, today's episode is about mass shootings, specifically on or near college campuses.	
HOST 2	We will do a deep dive into what happened at the University of Idaho and Michigan State University. You may have seen these two schools on the news recently, maybe heard of them from your mom, or seen it on tiktok. While we are talking about the horrible things these two schools went through, think about how this could relate to you and OSU. So Camille, tell us what happened in Idaho.	
HOST 1	Thanks Abby. So, the night of November 13, 2022, four students were found dead near campus in what was described as a "crime of passion" in Moscow, Idaho. Once the University confirmed all of the victims were students, classes were canceled Monday. The New York Times describes Moscow Idaho as a small college town of about 25,000 people. They had not seen a murder since 2015. As you can imagine, this hit the town very hard and they needed	

	<p>answers. The police told them they were homicides but there were no threats. The students, still unsettled, wanted justice for the four victims. The victims of this homicide were four best friends who were inside their home when they were murdered. According to ABC news, it was not until December 30 of 2022 that the police finally made an arrest. Bryan Kohberger was found to be guilty of this homicide and his sentencing is still under review. Once the arrest was made, students started to feel better about returning to class, so it was not until January 11 that classes started again. It is so sad for the families and friends of these four students and makes you wonder what could have been done differently? How does this also relate to the Michigan State shooting, Abby?</p>	
<p>HOST 2</p>	<p>I remember seeing so much on tiktok about the Idaho murders. And equally as sad, Michigan State was rattled the night before Valentines Day with gunshots erupting during classes Monday evening the 13th. This led classes to be canceled for a week as students took time to process what had just happened. Four hours of hiding and waiting ensued when students got an alert to “run, hide, fight” from the University at 8:31 p.m. after an initial call of gunshots were heard at 8:18 p.m. Many students took to Tik Tok the same way Idaho students did to tell their stories during those long hours of waiting. The all clear wasn’t given until after midnight. Fox News spoke to students who hid under laundry in their dorm rooms. One student barricaded themselves in a room with peers as they spoke to a Fox Digital spokesperson. They noted they were in constant communication with friends and family making sure they were safe. Many students also talked about how they had been planning for a mass shooting since elementary school. Physically they were ok, but mentally they were drained and terrified. Ultimately, three students were killed and five were injured. The shooter ended up taking his own life before police were able to make an arrest.</p>	
<p>HOST 1</p>	<p>Thank you for telling us about Michigan Abby. One student is too many but three is just absurd. Now that we have talked about the events at the University of Idaho and Michigan State, what can we do as students at OSU to implement safety precautions before it is too</p>	

	<p>late? You can ask questions. Ask your sorority what they do to prepare for an active shooter. Ask your apartment building what they do. These questions may be scary but if we do not ask them now, it could be too late. You may think “that wouldn’t happen to me” or “that would never happen at OSU.” I’m sure that is what the students in Michigan and Idaho thought. OSU and any other college is no different from these two. Be prepared. Have a plan when you walk into any building and stay alert. We recommend watching the video on OSU’s website osuokc.edu where there is a video titled “Active Shooter Training.” In this video, the officer says “if evacuation is not possible, hide. Lock or blockade the door, silence your cell phone, hide behind large objects and remain very quiet.” There are several other points made in this video that could be useful for you to prepare for the unexpected.</p>	
HOST 2	<p>I remember in that same video Camille they also mention the same message MSU students were given at the start of the lockdown, run, hide, fight. “Run means evacuate away from danger if you can do so safely, Hide means to secure-in-place, and Fight means protect yourself if no other option.” These texts and emails were able to help keep the campus in constant communication of the situation without having to leave their safe spaces. Many of the survivors that talked about their experiences on Tik Tok mentioned they waited until police were able to come and escort them out of the buildings potentially in danger. While waiting in silence can be terrifying, I think this helped those students to avoid accidentally running into the shooter when trying to escape the danger.</p>	
OUTTRO: 26 seconds		
HOST 1	<p>Thank you for listening in on our podcast, Better Safe Than Sorry. We hope you learned something and feel a bit more prepared and educated on this topic. Don’t forget to look up OSU’s “Active Shooter Training” video.</p>	<p>Music fades in to end the episode.</p>
HOST 2	<p>And remember to speak up, ask what plans are in place to keep you and others around you safe. On campus or off campus. Remember, it’s better to be safe than sorry.</p>	
MUSIC: 26 seconds		<p>The music plays throughout the</p>

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