

Even the best (can) make mistakes:

Even the best (can) make mistakes, a recent example is the attack by a disturbed person on Bundeskanzler Merkel in Berlin.

There are a view videos on "You Tube" like:

- <http://nl.youtube.com/watch?v=A7IATEsXKZk&feature=related>

Mrs. Merkel is walking somewhere in Berlin and the French President Sarkouzy is with her.

It appears to happen on a school ground, when suddenly out of nowhere somebody tried to jump on the Bundeskanzler. The disturbed person touched her head, but a snap and quick reaction of one of the CPO's avoids worse. The person was taken away very quickly and Merkel walked away in normal pass towards her armoured car.

I went angry when I saw the video, I thought why couldn't the CPO's see it coming. I became even furious because I thought I could do better. But was I honest and or realistic towards myself?
NO!

Is there a lesson to learn about this mistake?
YES!

Be aware that how good you're trained, when for a long time nothing happens, you can get less vigilance. That can be a deadly mistake.

Can it be prevented? That really depends from situation to situation.

How can you avoid these incidents?

- 1.** Be at least vigilance at all times, even when nothing happens;
- 2.** Make a game out of it to keep yourself sharp, but don't blow out of proportions;
- 3.** You should keep your team members sharp as well, you can not do it on your own;
- 4.** Change the teams more often, so they are always sharp and on the ball;
- 5.** In this case don't look as CPO to the VIP, she/he is not "important", unless the CCPO (Commanding CPO) asks you to do so;
- 6.** Be aware what happens around you;
- 7.** When ever you spot something suspicious, tell it to the CCPO and start talking to/with the suspicious person. (He/She doesn't like it.);
- 8.** Most spotted persons will eliminate their attack because their cover is blown;
- 9.** Talk with the Local Police Force, because they have to control the people so they know what is going on;
- 10.** As a private CPO-(company) try to train everyday in shooting, driving and self defence. With in governmental bodies like the US Secret Service, they train everyday! That keeps you sharp and updated. But for the private company it is very difficult to keep up.

But even when you train and practice for more then 100%, these mistakes can still happen and can also happen to you.

Don't laugh about it, because that's not professional!

Look at it over and over again so you learn about, that's a professional approach!

So keep your eyes and ears open for what is to come. If you see something react!
Than you're at least already one step ahead.

To care of yourself!

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