

Rational Armor Use-Cases

Primary Use-Cases

1. Overt Combat
2. Range Use
3. Threat Area
4. Everyday Concealment

Overt Combat



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- Civilians do not engage in overt combat
 - Do not boog/revolution LARP in the comments
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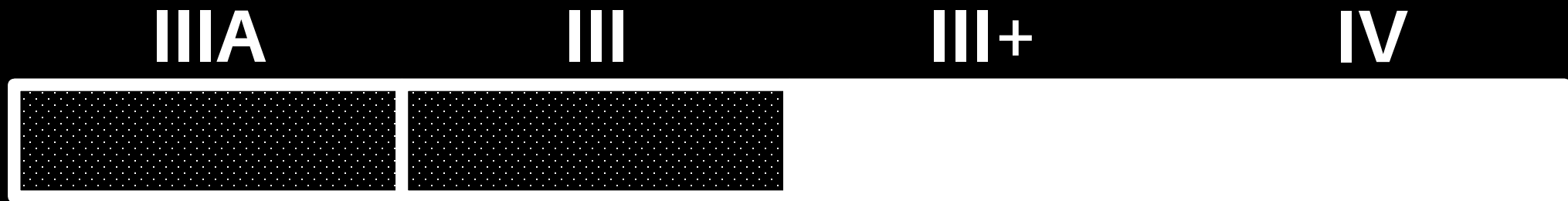
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49 killed in mass shooting at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand

5 victims in Club Q mass shooting identified, as mourning continues around Colorado Springs

Man Charged With Murder in Shooting at Protest in Portland

A 60-year-old woman was killed and five others, including the suspect, were shot during a confrontation near the man's house, the authorities said.

Threat Area

Covert Wear

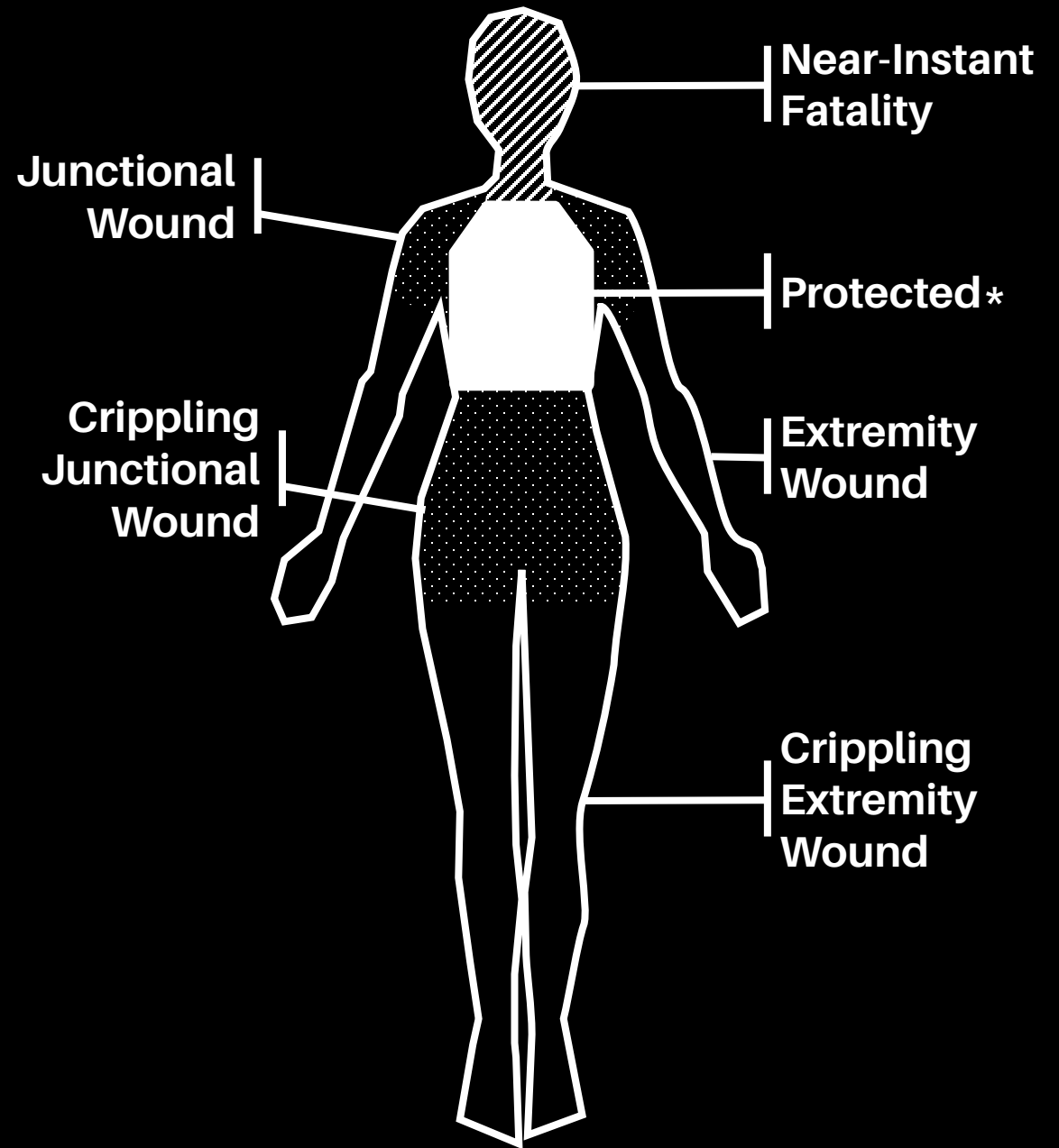
- Any attendee can do this
- Limits what armor you can reasonably wear
- IIIA soft for all use cases
- III/III+ with a concealable carrier and a jacket when applicable

Overt Wear

- You should be operating as formal security
- Must be paired with overt carry of a weapon
- Requires high level of organization and awareness
- Should be done in groups

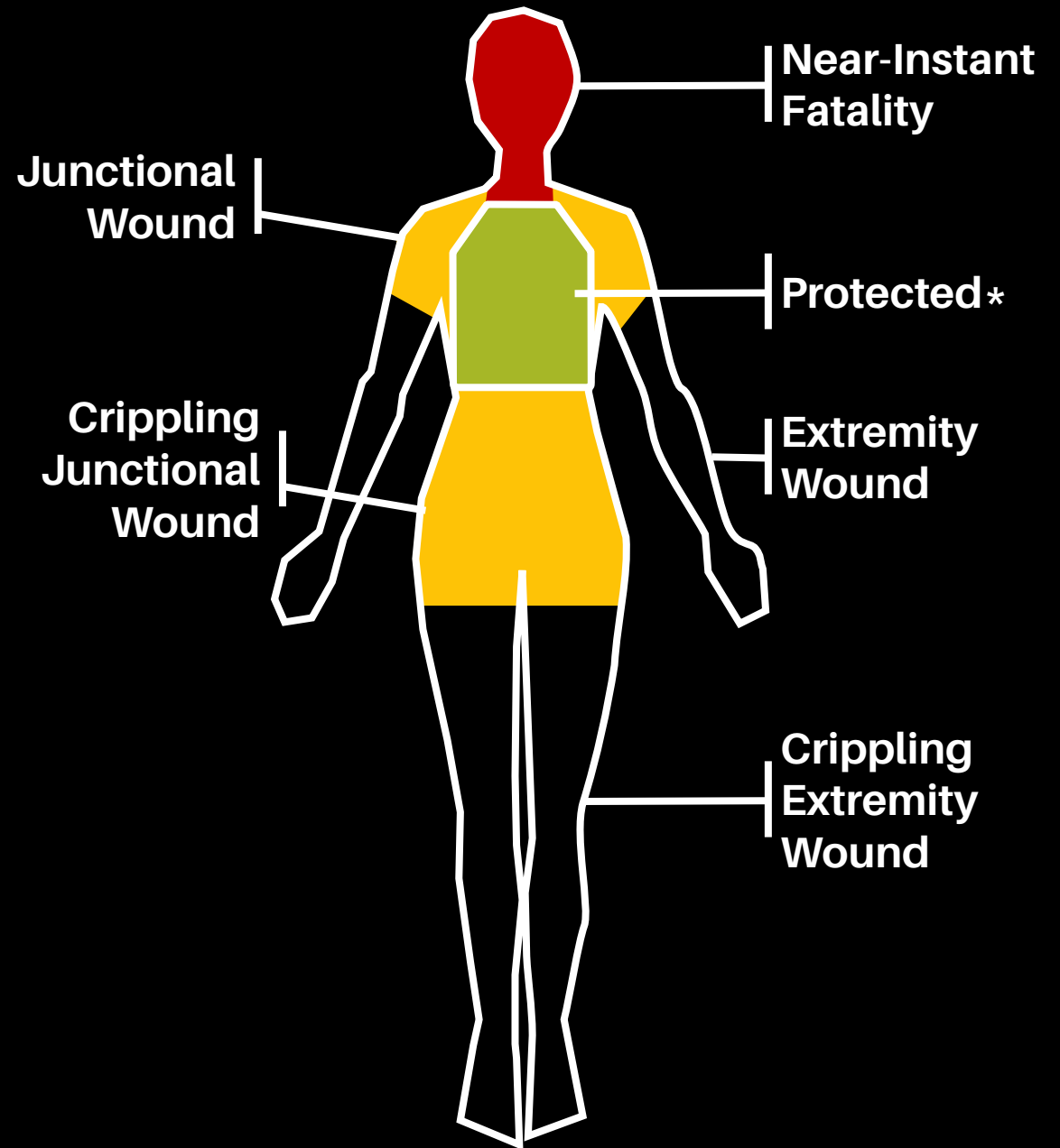
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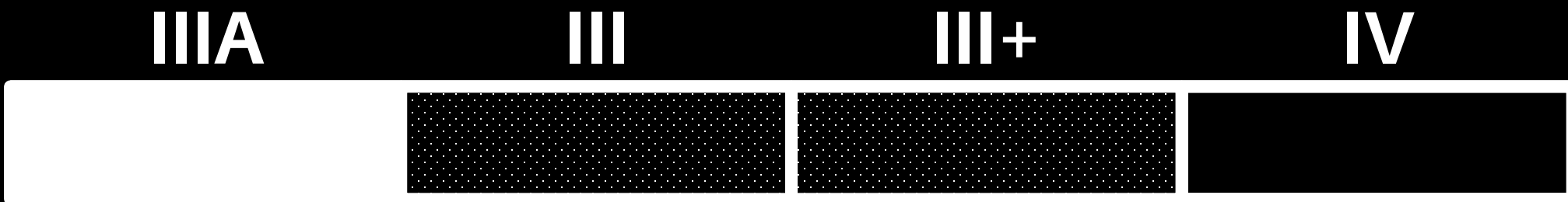
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Closing Remarks

- You are not special
- You are not an action hero
- You are more help alive than you are dead
- Don't throw yourself into harm's way
- You must be able to back up your own shows of force



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