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I work in the Pentagon, Room 4D715. That morning, we had just finished watching the two airplanes hit the Trade Center in our front office across the hall. We had just returned to our office. We were all talking about the trade center and I received a call from my husband asking when they were going to evacuate the Pentagon. I thought he was kidding and thought nothing of it. I told my coworker that I was going to the restroom. I was in the restroom down the hall and all of a sudden I heard people running and screaming in the hall. I then heard my coworker yelling my name. I came out in the hall and joined my coworkers - we ran back to the office to get our purses. We didn't know what had actually happened then. Everybody was yelling that the Pentagon had been hit and to get out of the building. We didn't know where the Pentagon had been hit, so we didn't know where to go. We ran to a window to look out and saw the black smoke and flames coming from the heliport area. We then ran to North Parking. Everybody was running and screaming - it was mass confusion. When we got into North parking we were told that another plane might be coming to leave the area. I took some coworkers with me in my car and we went to one of our houses to try and make calls. None of our cell phones would work and we knew people would be trying to find us. I had a good friend that worked in the area that was hit and was very concerned about her - before we left the parking lot, I drove around a few times trying to find her - I could not find her that day. After making a few calls, I headed home - all the way home I thought that my friend was dead - I did find out after I got home that she was all right - she had gotten blown out of her chair and thrown across the room (she worked in room 5E476 - part of the newly renovated Pentagon). Her office space is no longer there - she was extremely lucky. I never thought something like this could happen and was never afraid to work here before - it still seems unreal!

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