

How to Respond During an Active Shooter Situation



RUN



HIDE



FIGHT

There are 3 main actions to help you survive an active shooter situation

RUN

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Create distance between YOU and the shooter
- Do not take belongings with you, just get out
- Run, walk, crawl to the closest safe area

HIDE

- Hiding gives TIME for law enforcement to arrive
- Cover and conceal: **Cover** is something that not only **conceals** your location, but could stop a bullet
- Make sure you cannot be seen, block the entrance, and lock the door
- Silence all cell phones and electronic devices

FIGHT

- This is a last resort and **ONLY** if your life is in immediate danger
- Use items you can find nearby to hit or throw at the shooter
- Commit to your actions ... your life depends on it!

RUN, HIDE, FIGHT may not occur in succession. Complete these steps based on YOUR situation

INFORMATION TO PROVIDE 911

- Location of the shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description of the shooters
- Number and type of weapons the shooter has
- Number of potential victims at location

When Law Enforcement Arrives

- Remember, law enforcement will bypass injured victims until the threat is neutralized
- Follow instructions and keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements towards officers, such as holding onto them for safety
- Remain calm: **DO NOT** point, scream, or yell
- **DO NOT** stop and/or ask for help unless instructed to do so by law enforcement

The first officers to arrive on scene will not stop to help the injured. Expect rescue teams to follow initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove the injured

Once you have reached a safe location, you likely will be held in that area until law enforcement deems the situation under control and all witnesses have been identified and questioned. Do not leave the area until law enforcement instructs you to do so.

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