

Active Shooter: What You Can Do

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Active Shooter Defined:

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Characteristics of an Active Shooter Situation

- Victims are selected at random.
- The event is unpredictable and evolves quickly.
- Law enforcement is usually required to end an active shooter situation.

Coping with an Active Shooter Situation

- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers.
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit.
- If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door.
- Attempt to take the active shooter down as a last resort.

How to Respond – When an Active Shooter is in Your Vicinity

EVACUATE

- Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Keep your hands visible.

HIDE

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view.
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors.
- Silence your cell phone.

TAKE ACTION

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger.
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter.

How to Respond – When Law Enforcement Arrives

- Remain calm and follow instructions.
- Put down any items in your hands.
- Raise hands and spread fingers.
- Keep hands visible at all times.
- Avoid quick movements toward officers such as holding onto them for safety.
- Avoid pointing, screaming, or yelling.
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating.

Information You Should Provide to Law Enforcement or 911 Operator

- Location of the active shooter.
- Number of shooters.
- Physical description of shooters.
- Number and type of weapons held by shooters.
- Number of potential victims at the location.

Final Tips

- Stay alert to your surroundings and situation at all times.
- Be mentally prepared for different violent scenarios.
- The shooter's goal is to injure and kill, not to negotiate or flee.
- If you are locked in a secure room, stay there.
- Avoid screaming or yelling.

Police will be shouting commands:

- Everyone is a suspect.
- May force people to the ground.
- Listen and follow instructions.

Plan for survival:

- Have an escape route planned out in advance.
- Know where at least two exits are located.
- Stay as calm as possible.
- Silence your cell phone.

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HIDE

FIGHT

