



ACTIVE SHOOTER THREATS

present unique challenges for those involved. Mental preparation and having a plan are vital to help you manage the situation.

When faced with an active shooter event, three options are available:

RUN

- Know all escape routes and locations
- Leave regardless of what others do
- Prevent others from accessing area
- DO NOT gather belongings
- Prepare for possible Law Enforcement Encounter:
 - › Keep hands visible
 - › Follow all commands

HIDE

- Turn off lights, lock doors and barricade
- Stay out of active shooter's view
- Silence phones/electronic devices and **STAY QUIET**
- Position yourself for the element of surprise
- Consider escape routes
- DO NOT let anyone in
 - › No exceptions - shooter could be outside
 - › Police will conduct search/clearing of location

FIGHT

- Sudden, aggressive and violent action against shooter
- Once engaged, remain engaged
- Throw objects at or use objects to strike/hit
- Yell, scream and be strong-minded
- Group tackle/assault if possible

Remember to:

Have a plan, remain calm and call 911 when it is safe.

What is an active shooter?

Defined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security:

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill persons in a confined and populated area. In most cases, active shooters use firearms with no apparent pattern or method to select their victims.

Call 911

Remain calm and when possible to do so, provide the following:

- Name and physical address of location
- Estimated number of employees, students, etc.
- Description of and number of shooters
- What type of weapon(s) is being used
 - › Long gun, handgun, other
- Victims and injuries, if known

Upon arrival of law enforcement:

- Keep hands visible at all times
- Listen to commands / follow instructions
- DO NOT approach or attempt to grab officers
 - › Avoid quick movements
 - › Remain calm
- Attempt to control yelling and screaming

First responding officers are there to locate and stop the threat. Basic life saving measures may be required until it is safe for rescue personnel to enter your location. Be prepared and plan to survive!

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