

ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

An "active shooter" is an individual who is engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearms and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.

- Victims are selected at random
- Event is unpredictable and evolves quickly
- Knowing what to do can save lives

When Law Enforcement Arrives

- Remain calm and follow instruction
- Drop items in your hands (e.g., bags, jackets)
- Raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers, such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming, or yelling
- Do not ask questions when evacuating

Information to provide to 9-1-1 operations:

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

Run

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Help others escape, if possible
- Do not attempt to move the wounded
- Prevent others from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
- Call 9-1-1 when you are safe



Hide

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view
- Lock door or block entry to your hiding place
- Silence your cell phone (including vibrate mode) and remain quiet

Fight

- Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with as much physical aggression as possible
- Improvise weapons or throw items at the active shooter
- Commit to your actions . . . your life depends on it

