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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.

PREPARATION

When an active shooter is in your vicinity, you must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with the situation. You have three options;

1. 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 an active shooter may be.
- Keep your hands visible.
- Call 911 when you are safe.

2. HIDE

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

3. 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.
- Commit to your actions...your life depends on it.

When law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm and follow instructions.
- Drop the items in your hands (e.g. bags).
- Raise your hands and spread your fingers.
- Keep hands visible at all times.
- Avoid quick movements toward officers.
- Avoid pointing or screaming or yelling.
- Do not ask questions when evacuating.

Information to provide 911 operators:

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