

How do you defend against an **active shooter**?

RUN > HIDE > FIGHT



> RUN

- Know your surroundings – have escape route and plan in mind
- Run immediately - leave your belongings behind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Help others escape, if possible
- Do not attempt to move injured people
- Prevent others from entering area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
- Call 911 when you are safe

> HIDE

- If you can't escape, hide in an area out of the shooter's view
- Lock the door or block the entry to your hiding place
- Silence cell phone (including the vibrate mode) and remain quiet
- Take cover behind furniture or fixtures away from doors or windows

> FIGHT

- Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Use items around you as weapons to fight
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Commit to your actions...your life depends on it

Information to provide 911

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number/type of weapons
- Number of potential victims at the location

When Law Enforcement Arrives

- Remain calm; follow all instructions
- Put down any items in your hands
- Raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling
- Do not ask officers for help/direction

The first officers to arrive at the scene will not stop to help injured persons. Expect rescue teams to follow the initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove the injured. Once you have reached a safe location, you will likely be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control and all witnesses have been identified and questioned. Do not leave the area until law enforcement authorities instruct you to do so.



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