

We live in scary times where we can no longer ignore the dangers of an active shooter. While the chances of being in an active shooter situation are still very slim, your best chance of survival is to be prepared to **RUN, HIDE, and FIGHT**

Run

Your survival chances increase drastically if you are not where the shooter is or go where he cant see you. That being said:

- Always be aware of your surroundings and have an escape route in mind.
- Move quickly, do not wait for others to validate your decision.
- Leave belongings behind, things can be replaced, you cannot.
- Do not attempt to move wounded individuals.
- Once safely away, prevent others from entering the area.



Hide

You may not be able to get out without putting yourself in harms way. In this case, you need to hide:

- Hide somewhere well hidden and well protected, your hiding spot should be out of the shooter’s view and provide protection if shots are fired.
- Blockade the entrances to your hiding places with heavy furniture or anything you can get your hands on.
- Turn out the lights and turn off any noise producing devices, remain silent until help arrives.

Fight (Last Resort)

As a last resort, if it comes down to you and the shooter, take your life into your own hands. Assume the shooters intentions are lethal and they will succeed in shooting all those they come into contact with, UNLESS you stop him. Develop a survival mindset that you have “what it takes” to survive and be prepared to do whatever it takes to neutralize the threat.

- Throw things, yell, use improvised weapons, fight dirty and fight for your life
- If there are two or more of you, make a plan to overcome the shooter and commit to it
- Do the best that you can—CHOOSE TO SURVIVE

What to tell the police

When you escape or get to a hiding place that puts you out of harms way, call the authorities if it is safe to do so and inform them to the best of your abilities on the following:

- Name of the shooter(s) (if known).
- The shooters description: is it a male or female? Tall or short? Race or ethnicity? Approximate height, weight, hair color? What are they wearing? Etc. The more information you can give the authorities, the faster they will be able to find and neutralize the shooter.
- Location: where in the building are they? If its an open space, approximately where did you last see them?
- The number and types of weapons.