

## When law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- 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 911 operations:

### Location of the active shooter

- Number of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number and type of weapons shooter has
- Number of potential victims at location



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(s) 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



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You have three options:

### **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 911 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 Improve weapons or throw items at the active shooter Commit to your actions . . . your life depends on it

The first officers to arrive on scene will not stop to help the injured. Expect rescue teams to follow initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove injured.

Law enforcement's purpose is to stop the active shooter as soon as possible. Officers will proceed directly to the area in which the last shots were heard:

- Officers usually arrive in teams of four (4)
- Officers may wear regular patrol uniforms or external bulletproof vests, Kevlar helmets, and other tactical equipment. Officers may be armed with rifles, shotguns, handguns
- Officers may use pepper spray or tear gas to control the situation
- Officers may shout commands, and may push individuals to the ground for their safety

When law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm, and follow officer's instructions
- Keep your hands empty and visible at all times. Do not carry any items (i.e., bags, jackets, in your hands)
- Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
- Avoid making quick movements towards officers such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming, and/or yelling

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 have instructed you to do so.