

Active Shooter/Hostile Intruder

An Active Shooter/Hostile Intruder is any individual causing fear by terroristic threat, destruction of system or property, and has the intent to inflict mortal or great bodily harm. Hostile intruders use edged weapons, firearms, explosives, chemicals, or other deadly weapons. The intruder may target an individual or randomly choose victims. The attack can be planned or spontaneous. Physical and mental preparation increases your chance for survival.

General:

- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any building you visit
- If you SEE something out of the ordinary, SAY something
- If you call 911 and cannot speak, leave the line open for the dispatcher to listen

Run:

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Keep your hands visible
- When possible, find shelter and secure your position

Hide:

- Hide in an area out of the shooter’s view
- If your hiding place has a door, engage the lock and barricade the door
- Turn off lights
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager and remain quiet

Information needed by 911 and law enforcement:

- Call 911 when it is **safe** to do so
- Location of active shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description of the shooters
- Number and type of weapons
- Number of potential victims as the scene

VIDEOS
RUN, HIDE, FIGHT
AVOID, DENY, DEFEND

Fight:

- As a *last resort* and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Commit to your actions with physical aggression
- Throw items at the shooter
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter

When Law Enforcement Arrives:

- *First* arriving officers need to end the situation and will not be able to help the injured
- The injured will be assisted when the area is approved for rescue personnel to enter
- Remain calm and follow instructions of authorities
- Put down any items in your hands (jackets, purses, backpacks)
- Raise hands, spread fingers, and keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers, pointing, yelling, or screaming
- Do not stop officers to ask for help or direction when evacuating
- The entire area will be considered a crime scene and law enforcement will need information from witnesses