

Responding to An Active Shooter

Stop the Killing.

Stop the Dying.

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Definition of an Active Shooter

One or more subjects who participate in a random or systematic shooting spree, demonstrating their intent to continuously harm others. An active shooter's overriding objective appears to be that of mass murder, rather than criminal conduct such as robbery, kidnapping, etc. This includes any assault with a deadly weapon causing mass homicide.

-National Tactical Officers Association-

Characteristics of an Active Shooter

The desire to kill and seriously injure with no concern for their own safety.

Systematically searches out and destroys victims.

Will not stop searching and destroying until stopped by law enforcement, suicide or other intervention.

Most active shooters have no criminal history.

Psychiatric problems and med use are common.

Active Shooter Profile

Perpetrators harassed / persecuted at work or school. Character or status attacked.

Problems not resolved by authorities in control.

Some suffer in silence.

Person develops persecutory ideation, blame projection, violent revenge fantasies.

Possible Warning Signs

Changes in dress, speech, expressions.

Increased agitation, anxiety, isolation, depression.

Substance abuse

Preoccupation with death, violent acts

Violent video games.

Suggestions for you to live by:

- Never assume that your current location is exempt from violence.
ANY place can be a target!
- Understand that you have an obligation for your own safety as well as that of your family and friends.
- Understand that generally people are not in a heightened state of awareness about their safety.
- Recognize that there are people in “crisis” around you at times.
- Recognize that there really are people in the world that desire to *steal from, kill, and destroy other people like YOU and your family.*

WHAT WOULD I DO IF?

Your Response to an Active Shooter in the Building

Use your **senses** and **instincts** to survive!

LOOK AND LISTEN.

DON'T PANIC.

RESPOND IMMEDIATELY!

Your Response to an Active Shooter in the Building

Get Out! (AVOID)

Hide Out! (DENY)

Take Out! (DEFEND)

GET OUT – AVOID!

**SPEED AND DISTANCE ARE YOUR
FRIENDS!**

SHUT UP AND RUN!

HIDE OUT – DENY!

GET OUT OF VIEW.

SHUT AND BARRICADE THE DOOR.

SET UP FOR COUNTERATTACK.

NO LIGHTS AND NO NOISE!

TAKE OUT – DEFEND!

Two kinds of people:
Ones that can fight, ones that can't.

COUNTERATTACK!

STOP THE KILLING!

The Shooter is Down

SECURE THE SHOOTER.

SECURE THE WEAPON.

SECURE THE ROOM.

STOP THE DYING!

Priority of Work

Stop the Killing

Stop the Dying

Evacuate the Area

If you are caught in an open area...

TAKE COVER!

RUN!

WARN OTHERS!

On the phone with 911

**TELL THEM WHERE THE
SHOOTING IS HAPPENING
RIGHT NOW!**

When you meet the police

HOLSTER YOUR WEAPON!

SHOW YOUR OPEN HANDS!

FOLLOW COMMANDS!

When the Police Arrive...

DON'T GET IN THE WAY.

DON'T TOUCH.

SHOW YOUR HANDS.

When the Police Arrive...

YOU WILL BE SEARCHED.

YOU MAY BE TOLD TO HELP.

YOU WILL BE EVACUATED.

YOU WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

Remember:

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Avoid, Deny,
Defend

We choose not to be a victim!

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