

ACTIVE SHOOTER

Profile of an active shooter:

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area, typically through the use of firearms

Characteristics of an active shooter situation:

- Victims are selected at random
- The event is unpredictable and evolves quickly
- Law enforcement is usually required to end an active shooter situation
- Knowing what to do can save lives

How to respond when an active shooter is in your vicinity:

- **Run:** Have an escape route and plan in mind, leave your belongings behind and keep your hands visible
- **Hide:** Hide in an area out of the shooter's view, block entry to your hiding place and silence your mobile devices
- **Fight:** As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger take action, attempt to incapacitate the shooter, act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter

Call 9-1-1 when it is safe to do so.

Provide law enforcement or 9-1-1 operator the following information:

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

When law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Put down any items in your hands (i.e., 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 stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating

Coping with an active shooter situation:

- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit
- If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door
- Attempt to take the active shooter down as a last resort