



ACTIVE SHOOTER

DEFINITION: An active shooter is an armed person who has used deadly physical force on other persons and continues to do so while having unrestricted access to additional victims. Active shooters often look for soft targets like malls, churches or schools due to their low security and high access to potential victims.

DO NOT PULL THE FIRE ALARM

WHAT TO DO: Call 911 & give them the following information as calmly as possible:

1. YOUR NAME
2. LOCATION OF THE INCIDENT (PROVIDE AS MANY SPECIFIC DETAILS AS POSSIBLE)
3. YOUR EXACT LOCATION
4. NUMBER OF SHOOTERS, THE LOCATION AT WHICH THEY WERE LAST SEEN, AND THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THEY ARE TRAVELED
5. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE SHOOTER (SEX, RACE, CLOTHING, TYPE OF WEAPONS)
6. ARTICULATE THE NUMBER AND LOCATION OF VICTIMS AND PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
7. IF YOU HAVE HEARD EXPLOSIONS IN ADDITION TO GUNSHOTS
8. IF YOU OBSERVED ANY SUSPICIOUS DEVICES (IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES), PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION AND THE LOCATION AT WHICH IT WAS SEEN

REMEMBER ABC (**A**VOID, **B**ARRICADE, **C**ONFRONT)

AVOID (RUN):

- Evacuate the building immediately if it can be done in a safe manner
- Do **NOT** carry any personal belongings with you and avoid elevator and escalators if possible
- If you are located in a high-rise building & the shooter is below, ascend as many floors as possible. Once a safe area is reached, secure the location & move away from the entrance way to a more secure location. If the shooter is above you, move down & out of the building.
- When evacuating in the stairwell, stay pressed to the wall to allow responding officers room to ascend quickly and safely.

BARRICADE (HIDE):

- If it is possible to do safely, move to a central and secure area of the building
- Locate an area with ballistic cover, not just visual concealment. Cover stops/ slows bullets, Concealment does not. Think Big (soda machines, copy machines, etc....)
- Block the door with large heavy objects to make entry as difficult as possible (desks, tables, file cabinets, furniture, books, etc.)
- If the only means available to barricade the door is with your body, attempt to stay lower than average waist level to avoid any shot fired through the door by the shooter

CONFRONT (FIGHT):

- There is no single procedure that can be recommended in this situation. If possible:
- If hiding or flight is impossible, remain quiet or "play dead" to avoid detection.
- Last resort options if you come face to face with the assailant are twofold:
- Attempt to quickly overpower the individual with force in the most violent manner possible.
- If you are with other people you should work as a collective group to overcome the shooter
- Remember, the attacker will continue to shoot victims unless he/she is stopped