

HOW TO RESPOND WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life. This will be based on the situation in front of you at that moment.

RUN

If you can escape, evacuate the premises. Remember:

- Have an escape route and plan in mind (know your exits)
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Leave your belongings behind
- Warn others while evacuating (“GUN!” “RUN!”)
- Follow the instructions of any police officers
- Do not attempt to move wounded people

HIDE

If evacuation is not possible, you need to hide. Remember:

- Lock the door, turn out the lights, close the blinds
- Barricade the door with furniture and other available items
- Silence all cell phones/ electronics
- Be out of the active shooter’s view
- Avoid huddling with a large group of people (if possible, spread out)
- Try to remain calm and quiet

FIGHT

As a last resort- and only when your life is in *imminent* danger- attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the threat by:

- Act as aggressively as possible against him/her (yell & scream)
- Throw items, improve weapons (belts, keys, books, flashlights, bottles of water, etc.)
- Commit to your actions
- Once the person is no longer a threat, escape but be aware of your surroundings when doing so

*All information was taken from the Department of Homeland Security’s website on active shooter preparedness (www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness). Visit their website for more important tips on best practices for coping with an active shooter situation.