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ACTIVE SHOOTER SAFETY TIPS A COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE



*"I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary;
the evil it does is permanent" ~Mahatma Gandhi*



EVACUATE

- ✓ **Run:** If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises.
 - Be sure to have an escape route and plan in mind.
 - Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow.
 - Leave your belongings behind.
 - Help others evacuate, if possible.
 - Call 911 when you are safe.
 - Prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be.
 - Keep your hands visible.
 - Follow the instructions of any police officers.
 - Do not attempt to move wounded people.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

- ✓ **Hide:** If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you. Your hiding place should:
 - Be out of the active shooter's view.
 - Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction (i.e. an office with a closed and locked door).
 - Not trap you or restrict your options for movement.
- ✓ **To prevent an active shooter** from entering your hiding place:
 - Lock the door.
 - Blockade the door with heavy furniture.
- ✓ **If the active shooter** is nearby:
 - Lock the door.
 - Silence your cell phone and/or pager.
 - Turn off any source of noise (i.e. radio, television).
 - Hide behind large items (i.e. cabinets, desks).
 - Remain quiet.

PROTECT YOURSELF

- ✓ **Fight: As a last resort**, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter by:
 - Locking the door.
 - Silencing your cell phone and/or pager.
 - Turning off any source of noise (i.e. radio, television).



DID YOU KNOW?

The Harvard Injury Control Research Center assessed the literature on guns and homicide and found that there's substantial evidence that indicates more guns means more murders.⁽³⁾

According to the FBI, 2014 and 2015 each saw 20 active shooter incidents. That's more than any two-year average in the past 16 years, and nearly six times as many as the period between 2000 and 2001.⁽⁴⁾

According to the FBI, around 40% of active shooters end up committing suicide.⁽⁵⁾



ACTION ITEMS

- ✓ Run
- ✓ Hide
- ✓ Fight

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Remaining quiet.

WHEN POLICE ARRIVE

- ✓ **Put down** any items in your hands.
Keep hands visible.
- ✓ **Follow** all instructions.
- ✓ **Avoid making** quick movements towards officers.
- ◆ **Do not stop to ask officers** for help or direction when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the premises.

- Active Shooter Safety Tips: Sources ----

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Mahatma Ghandi Quote: BrainyQuote

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Active Shooter Incidents Continue to Rise, New FBI Data Show: ABCNews.com

In active shooter situation, don't just stand there.: CNN.com



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