

# Defense Against an Active Shooter

## RUN

- Know your surroundings, and have escape route and plan in mind.
- Run immediately, and leave your belongings behind.
- Evacuate regardless of whether or not others agree to follow.
- Help others escape, if possible.
- Do not attempt to move injured people.
- Prevent others from entering the area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible.
- Call 911 when you are safe.

## HIDE

- If you cannot escape, hide in an area out of the shooter's view.
- Lock the door or block the entry to your hiding place.
- Silence your cell phone, including the vibrate mode, and remain quiet.
- Take cover behind furniture or fixture away from doors or windows.

## FIGHT

- Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger.
- Use items around you as weapons to fight.
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
- Commit to your actions - your life depends on it!

## INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO 911

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

## WHEN POLICE ARRIVE

- Remain calm, and follow all instructions.
- Put down any items in your hands.
- Raise hands, and spread fingers keeping hands visible at all times.
- Avoid any quick movements, pointing, screaming, or yelling.
- Do not ask for help or direction.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The first officers to arrive on scene will not stop to help injured persons. Rescue teams will follow the initial officers to treat and remove the injured. Once you have reached a safe location, you will likely be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control and all witnesses have been identified and questioned. Do not leave the area until law enforcement authorities instruct you to do so.