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.

- There may be a primary target or victims may be selected at random
- Event is unpredictable and evolves quickly
- Knowing what to do can save lives

### When law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm and follow directions
- Drop 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 ask questions when evacuating

### Information to provide to 911 operators:

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number and type of weapons shooter has
- Number of potential victims at location
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⇒ FLEE THE AREA
> Have an escape route or plan in mind
> Leave your belongings behind
> Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
> Do not attempt to move the wounded
> Prevent others from entering an area where the active shooter may be
> Keep your hands visible
> Call 911 when you are safe

⇒ SHELTER IN PLACE
> Hide in an area out of the shooter’s view
> Lock door or block entry to your hiding place
> Silence your cell phone and remain quiet

The first officers to arrive on scene will not stop to help the injured. Expect rescue teams to follow initial officers. These rescue teams will 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 questioned. Do not leave the area until law enforcement authorities have instructed you to do so.

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⇒ COMPLY, PLAY DEAD, or FIGHT FOR YOUR LIFE
These are possible options when you are unable to FLEE or SHELTER in place:
> If the shooter is not actively shooting, and tells you to take an action then comply at that time
> Play dead when the active shooter returns to a location that already has shooting victims
> Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
> Act with as much physical aggression as possible
> Improvise weapons or throw items at the active shooter
> Commit to your actions...your life depends on it
> Stay in the SURVIVAL MINDSET

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