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Active Shooter Procedures for Libraries

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What is an active shooter situation?

- Actively engaged in killing
- Confined and populated area
- Sometimes motivated by revenge
- Unpredictable/evolve quickly
Responses to an Active Shooter

• Run
• Hide
• Fight
Run...

- Know your exit route
- Leave everything behind
- Keep your hands visible
- Bring people with you. If they won’t go, then leave them
Hide...

• Hide in an area out of the shooter’s view. If you’re in a hallway or open area, move immediately to a more secure location
• Barricade the door/entry
• Hide behind something such as a desk
• Silence your cellphone
• Be as silent as possible
Fight...

- Last resort and only if you are in immediate danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Be aggressive
- Once you’ve made this decision, there’s no turning back.
When it is safe to do so...

• Call 911

• Activate duress buttons/alert systems

• Give details!
Responding to Police

• Follow directions

• Keep hands in the air

• No sudden movements

• Keep calm

• Don’t ask questions
Active Shooter Policies

• Part of the Emergency & Disaster Plan

• Training on a regular schedule

• Reviewed by staff

• May need to focus on securing certain areas that are open/hard to secure
Active Shooter Policies

Should include:

- Communication plan
- Evacuation plan
- Gathering place
- Lockdown plan
Best Practices for Libraries

• Conduct trainings

• Environmental scan

• Staff roles and responsibilities

• Recognize and respond to signs of potential threats

• Conduct risk and safety assessments
Resources

- LA County Sheriff, *Surviving an Active Shooter*
  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFQ-oxhdFjE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFQ-oxhdFjE)

- North Dakota State Library, *Active Shooter Procedure*- available upon request

- U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security, *Pocket Card*

Active Shooter Video

Created by the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department

Contains graphic content of a violent nature (gunfire, intense situations, and “blood”)

Viewer discretion is advised!!

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Thank You

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