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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

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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

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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

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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

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Resources

- LA County Sheriff, Surviving an Active Shooter
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFQ-oxhdFjE
- North Dakota State Library, Active Shooter Procedures- 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!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFQ-oxhdFjE

Thank You

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