

How To Respond When An Active Shooter Is In Your Vicinity

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life.

Run

Evacuate if a safe route is available.

Hide

If you cannot run, hide in an area out of view.
Block entry, lock the door, stay behind solid objects.
Turn off lights and computers; silence cell phones.

Fight

As a last resort and only if your life is in danger, fight.

Call 412-624-2121 or 911 when it is safe to do so.

How To Respond When Law Enforcement Arrives On The Scene

How you should react when law enforcement arrives:

- ◆ Remain calm and follow officers' instructions
- ◆ Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
- ◆ Keep hands visible at all times
- ◆ Avoid making quick movements toward officers such as attempting to hold on to them for safety
- ◆ Avoid pointing, screaming, and/or yelling
- ◆ Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the premises

Information you should provide to law enforcement or dispatcher:

- ◆ Location of the victims and the active shooter
- ◆ Number of shooters, if more than one
- ◆ Physical description of shooter/s
- ◆ Number and type of weapons held by the shooter/s
- ◆ Number of potential victims at the location

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