

2. Hide

If running to escape is not possible, find a room with a lockable door and barricade yourself, and others with you, and remain there until first responders come for you.

- Lock the door, and block it with heavy furniture.
- Arrange other furniture within the room to create a “safe zone” by placing furniture between you and the door or corridor the shooter is likely to use.
- Stay as low to the ground as possible.
- Silence your cell phone and try to remain as quiet as possible until first responders arrive.
- Once you are locked safely inside, DON'T open the door again for anyone else until first responders arrive. You'll know when they do, trust us.

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EZ-DEFENSE

Active Shooter



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1. Run

Escape is your best defense if this is a possibility for you. If you are not in the path of the active shooter and you are able to, run away from the scene as quickly as possible.

- Call 911 immediately and provide whatever details you can.
- Leave your belongings behind as, they will only slow you down.
- Run, even if others choose to stay behind. Get away if you have the chance to.
- Try to prevent others from walking into the situation without endangering yourself to do so.
- Keep your hands visible AT ALL TIMES, especially if you encounter first responders.
- Provide first responders with as many details of the incident, the location, the shooter etc. as you can. It may help to save a life.

3. Fight

If running and hiding become impossible as the shooter or shooters are right on top of you, then FIGHT with all of your might and vigor to survive.

- Use anything available as a weapon to incapacitate or disarm the suspects.
- Commit to the fight and continue until you succeed. Your life may depend on it.
- Target the suspects vulnerabilities such as their head, neck, knees, eyes and so on.
- If you incapacitate the suspect/s and feel able to, detain them until first responders arrive. Otherwise RUN and inform first responders where you last left the suspect/s. DO NOT take the suspects weapon/s with you as you may be mistaken for the aggressor.

Let first responders know:

1. The number of shooters
2. A description of the shooters and the weapons they are using
3. The location you last saw the shooter/s.
4. The number of possible victims and where they are located.

4. Treat

You may be the first help available to many victims in the immediate aftermath of an active shooter incident.

Police Tactical personnel will be focused on taking out the shooter and securing the whole scene to make it safe for medical personnel. This may take 15-30 minutes or longer.

Extraction teams will follow Tactical teams when it is safe to do so, but for victims of severe gunshot trauma, seconds could literally mean the difference between survival or succumbing to injuries.

- Pack gunshot wounds with gauze, t-shirts, towels and anything else to help slow the loss of blood. Don't remove any of these, just keep adding until medical assistance arrives.
- Open airways by tilting the head of victims through the "chin-lift" technique. Place a rolled up newspaper, t-shirt or jacket behind their neck to keep the airway open.
- Talk in a calm, reassuring tone to victims if possible, as it will slow their heart rate down and decrease the rate of blood loss.
- Do the best you can until medical assistance arrives.