

## COPING

### with an active shooter situation

- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit
- If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door
- Attempt to take the active shooter down as a last resort
- **Call 911 when it is safe to do so**

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## PROFILE

### of an active shooter

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.

## CHARACTERISTICS

### of an active shooter situation

- Victims are selected at random
- The event is unpredictable and evolves quickly
- Law enforcement is usually required to end an active shooter situation

## HOW TO RESPOND

### when an active shooter is in your vicinity

#### 1. GET OUT

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Keep your hands visible

#### 2. HIDE OUT

- Hide in an area out of shooter's view
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager

#### 3. TAKE OUT

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter

**Call 911 when it is safe to do so.**

## HOW TO RESPOND

### when law enforcement arrives

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
- Raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating

## INFORMATION

### you should provide to law enforcement or 911 operator

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number and type of weapons held by shooters
- Number of potential victims at the location