

# How to Respond During an Active Shooter Situation



## RUN



## HIDE



## FIGHT

There are 3 main actions to help you survive an active shooter

*RUN, HIDE, FIGHT may not occur in succession.*

*Complete these steps based on YOUR situation.*

## RUN

- Create distance between YOU and the shooter
- Do not take belongings with you, just get out
- Run, walk, crawl – whatever is necessary – to the closest safe area

## HIDE

- Hiding gives TIME for law enforcement to arrive
- Cover and conceal: **Cover** is something that not only **conceals** your location, but could potentially stop a bullet
- Make sure you cannot be seen, block the entrance, and lock the door

## FIGHT

- This is a last resort and **ONLY** if your life is in immediate danger
- Use items you can find, anything and everything nearby, to hit or throw at the shooter
- Act with all your might and with all you've got!

## **CALL 911 AS SOON AS YOU ARE ABLE**

When appropriate, silence your cell phone and disable the vibrate function

**Render first aid to yourself first,  
then others; Stop the Bleed  
[www.dhs.gov/stopthebleed](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthebleed)**

### **When Law Enforcement Arrives**

- Remember, law enforcement will bypass injured victims until the threat is neutralized
- Follow instructions and keep hands visible at all times
- Remain calm: **DO NOT** point, scream, or yell
- **DO NOT** stop and/or ask for help unless instructed to do so by law enforcement

**To view an informative video on active shooter survival, *480 Seconds*, visit [dhses.ny.gov/oct](http://dhses.ny.gov/oct)**

**For additional information from our partners on active shooter survival, visit the DHS website at [www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness](http://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness)**



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