How to Respond During an Active Shooter 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!

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.*
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

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

For additional information from our partners on active shooter survival, visit the DHS website at www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness

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