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!

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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