

## HOW TO RESPOND WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN THE VICINITY

### 1. RUN

- Have an escape route and plan
- Leave your belongings

### 2. EVADE

- Be out of the active killer's view; use this opportunity to escape
- Block entry to your area and lock doors
- Turn off the lights; lock and barricade your doors
- Silence your cell phones

### 3. FIGHT

- Last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate shooter
- Act with physical aggression and, if possible, in coordination with others
- Throw items at the shooter and use weapons of opportunity

## HOW TO RESPOND WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

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

## INFORMATION TO PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR 911

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

**CALL 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO**

## PROFILE

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

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

## COPING

- Be aware of your environment and possible dangers
- Take note of two nearest exits in any facility you visit (*A window could be the nearest exit*)
- If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door
- Attempt to take the active shooter down as a last resort



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# CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

What You Should Know

**Sheriff Gregory Tony** and the men and women of BSO are committed to keeping you safe on the roadways, at home and while at work. Please take the time to review this important safety information.

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