

## ▶ HOW TO RESPOND

### *How To Respond When An Active Shooter Is In Your Vicinity*

#### 1. EVACUATE

- 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 the shooter's view
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager

#### 3. TAKE ACTION

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 such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating

## ▶ 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
- Only as a last resort, attempt to take down the active shooter

## ▶ 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

## ▶ 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

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