

The Office of Infrastructure Protection presents:

"Respond to an Active Shooter"

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Active Shooter: What You Can Do





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Active Shooter Incidents

Can occur where we:

- Shop
- Go to School
- Work

There is no "one size fits all" profile for active shooters.





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About Active Shooter Incidents

Active shooter events most commonly occur in a workplace environment (37%) or academic setting (17%).

Common catalysts include:

- Loss of significant relationships,
- · Changes in financial status,
- Loss of a job,
- Major adverse changes to life circumstances, and / or feelings of humiliation or rejection on the part of the shooter.





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Active Shooter Situations



- Unpredictable.
- Evolve quickly.
- Continue until stopped by law enforcement, suicide, or intervention.
- Most cases, there is no pattern or method to the selection of victims.



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Preparedness is the key!

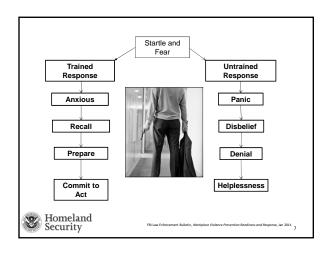
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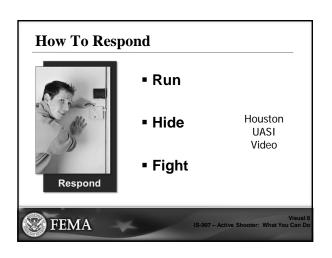
CALLER: "There's somebody with a gun in the main entrance to the mall and I don't . . ."

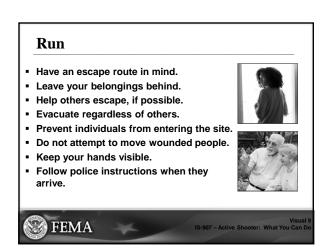
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO!



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Hide

Your hiding spot should:

- Be out of the active shooter's view.
- Provide protection if shots are fired.
- Not restrict options for movement.





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Keep Yourself Safe While Hiding



If the shooter is nearby:

- Lock the door and block it with furniture.
- Hide behind large item (file cabinet, desk, etc.).
- Silence your cell phone.
- Remain quiet.



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Fight



As an absolute last resort:

- Fight for your life.
- Act as aggressively as possible.
- Improvise weapons and throw items.
- Collective resistance



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Law Enforcement's Role

Immediate Purpose:

- Stop the active shooter.
- Officers will proceed to the area where the last shots were heard.
- First priority is to eliminate the threat.





Additional Officers and Rescue Teams

Teams may:

- Be wearing different uniforms
- Wear bulletproof vests & helmets
- Be armed with rifles, shotguns, and handguns.
- Shout commands.
- Push individuals to the ground for their safety.





Important Information

Provide law enforcement or 911 operators with:

- Location of shooter.
- Number of shooters.
- Physical description of shooters.
- Number and types of weapons.
- Number of potential victims.



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Reacting to Law Enforcement

- Remain calm.
- Raise hands & spread fingers.
- Avoid quick movements.
- Avoid pointing or screaming.
- Proceed in direction from which officers are entering.





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Managing the Consequences

- Account for the missing or injured.
- Determine a method for notifying families of victims.
- Assess psychological state of individuals and refer to follow-up care.





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How To Prepare



- Develop an Emergency Action Plan.
- Conduct training.
- Recognize indicators of potential workplace violence.
- Conduct drills and exercises
- Invite First Responders to your facility. Conduct an orientation and discuss how they would react.



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Developing an Emergency Action Plan

Get input from:

 Human Resources, Training, Property Manager, Emergency Responders

Components include:

- Evacuation policy and procedures
- Emergency contact numbers for area hospitals, police, fire, EMS.
- An emergency notification system for employees





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Conducting Training



Employee training should include:

- Method for reporting emergencies.
- Identifying the sound of gunfire.
- Familiarization with floor plans, exits, and escape procedures
- Reacting to law enforcement arrival.
- Adopting a survival mindset during a crisis.



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Meet Everyone's Needs

Ensure that plans assess and provide for functional needs:

- Hearing or sight impaired
- Lack of mobility
- Limited or no English proficiency





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Human Resources Responsibilities

- Conduct effective background checks.
- Create system for reporting potentially violent behavior.
- Make counseling available.
- Develop plan for dealing with an active shooter situation.





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Course Summary

- RUN....HIDE....FIGHT....
- Always take note of the two nearest exits around you.
- Always be aware of your environment and possible dangers.





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Questions and Comments?

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