



An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. If you were to ever find yourself in the middle of an active shooter event, your survival may depend on whether or not you have a plan. The plan does not need to be complicated. There are three things you could do to greatly improve your chance of survival: **AVOID. DENY. DEFEND.**

For additional details, please watch the [Avoid Deny Defend](#) video.

AVOID starts with your state of mind.

- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Know the locations of stairwells and exit doors of the buildings you visit.
- Have an exit plan.
- Move away from the source of the threat as quickly as possible.
- As you leave the area, encourage others to leave also.
- The more barriers between you and the threat the better.

DENY access to your area if it is not possible to leave.

- Act quickly and quietly.
- Lock and/or secure the room doors and turn off the lights.
- Close windows and any opening that would allow the shooter access to your room.
- Create barriers to prevent or slow the threat from getting to you.
- Silence your cellphone and any other device that makes sound.
- Hide behind large objects that keep you out of the shooter's view.
- Remain out of sight and quiet.

Only as a last resort, DEFEND yourself when your life is in imminent danger.

- Defend because you have the right to protect your life.
- Be aggressive and committed to your actions.
- Do not fight fair; this is about survival.
- Use whatever objects available to incapacitate the shooter.

***Only when it is safe to do so,***



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