

How to Respond When Shooting Begins (cont)

3. Fight

- As a last resort, if unable to escape or hide
- Assume the shooter has the means, method and opportunity and is intending to kill you or others around you and your only viable option is to fight back
- Be a crisis leader, react with the most explosive and decisive force possible
- Do not hesitate, attack aggressively and with total commitment using improvised weapons/brute force
- Your decisiveness will encourage others to do the same

How to Respond When Police Arrive

- Try to remain calm
- Obey all Police instructions
- Put down any items in your hands (such as backpacks, phones, jackets)
- Raise your hands and keep your hands visible to Police at all times
- Avoid sudden movements, pointing, or screaming
- Do not ask officers for help or directions while evacuating; their first priority is to neutralize the threat; they may bypass victims until this occurs and everyone may be treated as a suspect initially

Information

Call 911 (or other local emergency number) when it is safe to do so

You should provide the following information to the Police or the 911 Operator:

- Location of the shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number and type of weapons the shooter has
- Number and location of possible victims
- Your Location



Active Shooter Pocket Guide



ESCAPE. HIDE. FIGHT

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Profile of an Active Shooter

- An Active Shooter incident is when one or more subjects is/are shooting & causing death/injury with total disregard for their own life; may be random or systematic
- An Active Shooter may be a current or former employee associated with the U.S. Marine Corps (Marine, DoD Civilian, Government Contractor, or Family Member)
- An Active Shooter could also be an individual not directly associated with the Marine Corps who gains access to a Marine Corps installation, stand-alone facility, or unit

Characteristics of an Active Shooter

- Law enforcement has developed new TTPs to protect the public, however the burden is shared by individuals.
- Active shooter events are characterized by their unpredictability, the speed in which they occur, and the lethality of the act.
- Active shooters want to kill or cause serious injuries with little or no regard for their own life
- Most often, these are premeditated acts and most victims are targets of opportunity; they will continue shooting until they are neutralized, commit suicide, or an intervention occurs.

Immediate Response Actions

- Use your gut feel and instincts; if it sounds like shots fired, respond as if it is
- Survival mindset; think through what you would do before an incident happens
- Be prepared to interact with panicking people, rehearse, respond with purpose, and assist others if able
- Your response will typically be independent of law enforcement; do not hesitate
- Take responsibility for your own safety and survival, be decisive; pick your best option and execute with purpose: Escape, Hide, or Fight

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1. Escape

- Evacuate to a safer location quickly
- Have an exit route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Do not draw attention; tell, do not yell instructions to others
- Call 911 when in a safe location

2. Hide

- Hide in an area out of the Active Shooter's view with protection if possible
- Lock doors and block entry to your hide site
- Do not huddle together, spread out