



# BE PREPARED FOR AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

Recent national tragedies remind us that the risk is real. Taking a few steps now can help you react quickly when every second counts.

An active shooter is an individual engaged in attempting to kill people in a confined space or populated area. Active shooters typically use firearms and have no pattern to their selection of victims.



Can happen anywhere



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## IF YOU ARE INVOLVED IN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENT

See something,  
say something.



Learn first aid skills so  
you can help others.



Before you run, know the exits.



Help law enforcement.



Find a place to hide.



Seek help to cope with trauma.



Run



Hide



Fight

# HOW TO STAY SAFE

## WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER THREATENS



**If you see suspicious activity**, let an employee know right away.

**When you visit the building** take time to identify two nearby exits. Get in the habit of doing this.

**Map out places to hide.** In rooms without windows, behind solid doors with locks, under desks, or behind heavy furniture such as large filing cabinets can make good hiding places.

**Sign up for active shooter, first aid, and stop the bleed training.**

**Complete the on-line Active Shooter training** on the Diocese website - <https://dslearning.org/courses-list/>. Register with your email.



**RUN.** Getting away from the shooter or shooters is the top priority. Leave your things behind and run away. If safe to do so, warn others nearby. Call 911 when you are safe. Describe in as much detail as possible the # of shooters, each shooter description (color of hair, clothes), shooter and victim locations, and weapons.

**HIDE.** If you cannot get away safely, find a place to hide. Get out of the shooter's view and stay very quiet. Silence your electronic devices and make sure they won't vibrate. Lock and block doors, close blinds, and turn off the lights. Do not hide in groups—spread out along walls or hide separately to make it more difficult for the shooter. Try to communicate with police silently—such as through text messages or by putting a sign in an exterior window. Stay in place until law enforcement gives you notice that all immediate danger is clear.

**FIGHT.** Your last resort when you are in immediate danger is to defend yourself. Commit to your actions and act aggressively to stop the shooter. Ambushing the shooter together with makeshift weapons such as chairs, fire extinguishers, scissors, and books can distract and disarm the shooter.



**Remain calm. Keep hands visible and empty.**

**Know that law enforcement's first task** is to end the incident. They may have to pass injured persons along the way.

**Follow law enforcement's instructions** and evacuate in the direction they tell you to.

**Seek medical attention.**

**Do not leave** until law enforcement authorities instruct you to do so.

**Consider seeking professional help** for you and your family to cope with the long-term effects of trauma.



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