



WHAT A DEAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT... ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATIONS

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

- Victims are selected at random
- The event is unpredictable and evolves quickly
- Law enforcement is usually required to end an active shooter situation

HOW TO RESPOND

1. RUN

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Keep your hands visible

2. HIDE

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
- Silence your cell phone/pager

3. FIGHT

- 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

INFORMATION YOU SHOULD PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT

*Call 911 when it is SAFE to do so

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number and type of weapons held by shooter
- Number of potential victims at the location

WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Put down items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
- Raise hands and keep them visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements and making loud noises

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
- Attempt to take the active shooter down at last resort

Contact Sergeant Amy Ross at the Montana State Police Department for more information and training on active shooter response in your workplace.

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