When Calling 911:

- Location of the shooter, if known

- Number of shooters

- Description of shooter or identity, if known

- Number and type of weapons

- How many victims

When Law Enforcement Arrives:

- Remain calm.

- Avoid yelling and screaming.

- Raise your hands and keep them visible at all times.

- Don't have anything in your hands, such as bag, coat, purse.

- Do not grab on to the officers or ask questions while evacuating.

- Follow instructions.

- The first officers WILL NOT stop to help the injured.

- After evacuation, do not leave the area until released by law enforcement.

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Surviving An Active Shooter Event
A Quick Reference Guide

"An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area."

-Federal Bureau of Investigation

When an active shooter event occurs, remember:

1– Run– If you are not in the area directly impacted and can escape without encountering the shooter:

- Already know your escape routes.
- Don't take anything with you.
- Evacuate, even if others refuse to come with you.
- Help others escape, if you can
- Don't try to move those who are wounded and unable to walk.
- Keep others away from areas where the active shooter may be.
- Call 911 AFTER you are safely out of the building.

2– Hide– If the shooter is already in your vicinity or in an area that blocks your escape:

- Hide somewhere out of sight.
- Lock the door and block the it with any-thing available, such as furniture.
- Turn out the lights
- Silence all electronic devices, including vibrate.

3– Fight– If you have no other option and your life is in imminent danger:

- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
- Use as much force as possible against the shooter.
- Use any weapon available to you, such as chairs or fire extinguishers. Throw things at the shooter.
- Fight like your life depends on it.