**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

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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 anything 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.