



What to Do If There's an Active Shooter Nearby

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Whether it's an incident like the shooting in San Bernardino, Calif., or you are in the checkout line at the mall or drafting an email in your cubicle – what would you do if you heard gun shots and realized an active shooter was nearby? Just like in any other emergency situation, the **best thing you can do is to be prepared with information on what to do next.**

Take a few minutes to **review the three options that will help you** to quickly determine how to protect yourself.

Run

- If there is an escape route, attempt to evacuate.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Follow instructions of responding emergency personnel.

Hide

- Hide in an area out of the active shooter's view.
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors.
- [Send a text message to 9-1-1](#) if you're able, but ensure your safety first.

Fight - As a last resort and only when life is in imminent danger.

- Attempt to incapacitate the active shooter.
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter.

Information to Provide to 9-1-1

Whether you text or call, here's what you should provide to 911:

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

When You Are in a Safe Place

When public safety personnel arrives, you should:

- Remain calm and follow instructions.
- Raise hands and spread fingers.
- Keep hands visible at all times.
- Avoid making quick movements toward officers such as attempting to hold on to them for safety.
- Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling.