

## ACTIVE SHOOTER BASICS

Most Active Shooter situations average 15 minutes. It usually takes Law Enforcement longer than that to arrive on scene.

There are basically two types of Active Shooter scenarios.

- #1. The Individual who has no specific target in mind and shoots randomly or at random/easy targets.
- #2. The individual does have a specific target/person in mind, but gets anyone who is in the way or on the route of destruction.

What Actions should you take if there is an Active Shooter at your workplace?

Step 1: Escape! If you hear gun shots and people screaming you MUST escape.

Step 2: If you can't escape...HIDE!

Step 3: Depending on where you are hiding you should barricade the door/windows. Most active shooters who do not have a specific person in mind during their shooting spree will not spend a lot of time trying to open locked doors/windows. This slows their momentum.

Step 4: Last resort....FIGHT. If you can fight back or disarm the individual then do so, but only as a last resort. Most Active Shooters kill themselves when they are done with their shooting spree.

What actions should you take when Law Enforcement enters the scene?

Answer: Drop to your knees and have your hands in the air. Law Enforcement will probably get very little to no description of suspect(s). All they know is that the individual has a weapon. Placing your hands in the air helps to rule YOU out as the Active Shooter. Once Law Enforcement clears the room, listen to their instructions. You will either be told to stay put or to exit a particular route that Law Enforcement has already swept.

How do you fight an Active Shooter?

Answer: Hide just beside a closed door. Do not stand behind a door. You can still get shot from behind a closed door. Place yourself approximately three feet beside the door. When an individual enters a room they look and walk straight to the center of the room. They do not usually look to what's called the "Hard Corners" of a room. If you are a few feet beside the door ensure you do not fall into the Active Shooter's peripheral vision. Listen to the activities going on outside the door. If you have access to a blunt object, USE IT! Strike the individual in the face one time.

Why strike the Active Shooter in the face only one time?

Answer: Because they have a gun and can turn it on you if you try to use a blunt object several times.

Once you strike the Active Shooter in the face/head one time you must immediately attempt to control the weapon and disarm him/her.

If Deadly Force is required utilize the weapon and do a quick check for additional Active Shooters.

Quickly drop the weapon and stay in the immediate area so you can inform Law Enforcement on the situation so that the Law Enforcement Patrol for the Active Shooter situation can be terminated.