Active Shooter Response

How to respond when an active shooter is in your vicinity

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life and the lives of others.

Run

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

Hide

Hide in an area out of the active shooter's view
Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors

Fight

Only when your life is in imminent danger
Attempt to incapacitate the active shooter
Act with physical aggression

Call 911 when it is safe to do so

FBI Video: Run. Hide. Fight. Surviving an Active Shooter Event - www.fbi.gov/about-us/office-of-partner-engagement/active-shooter-incidents/run-hide-fight-video

How to respond to a 911 operator or when law enforcement arrives

Initial Response

Remain calm and follow officers' instructions
Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
Keep hands visible at all times
Avoid quick movements, pointing, or yelling towards officers
Do not stop, proceed in direction of law enforcement

Provide Information

Location of the victims and the active shooter
Number of shooters, if more than one
Physical description of shooter(s)
Number and type of weapons held by the shooter(s)
Number of potential victims at the location

DHS Active Shooter Preparedness Resources - www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness

Signs of potential workplace violence

Increased use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs
Unexplained absenteeism and/or vague physical complaints
Depression/withdrawal

Noticeably unstable or emotional responses
Increasingly talks of problems at home
Unsolicited comments about violence and dangerous weapons

NJOHSP Active Shooter Response Training Video - www.njohsp.gov/active-shooter-response-training