



# Active Shooter Response

## Savannah Technical College Police Department



# ACTIVE SHOOTER

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- ❖ A suspect who's activity is immediately causing death and serious bodily injury.
- ❖ The activity is not contained and there is immediate risk of death and serious injury to potential victims.



# What Should You Do?

**ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE**  
LEARN HOW TO SURVIVE A SHOOTING EVENT



**RUN** **HIDE** **FIGHT**

**CALL 911 ONLY WHEN IT'S SAFE TO DO SO**



# RUN

## RUN

When an active shooter is in your vicinity:

- **If there is an escape path, attempt to evacuate.**
- **Evacuate whether others agree to or not.**
- **Leave your belongings behind.**
- **Help others escape if possible.**
- **Prevent others from entering the area.**
- **Call 911 when you are safe.**



# HIDE!

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If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide.

- **Lock and/or blockade the door.**
- **Silence your cell phone.**
- **Hide behind large objects.**
- **Remain very quiet.**





# FIGHT!

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As a last resort, and only if your life is in danger:

- **Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.**
- **Act with physical aggression.**
- **Improvise weapons.**
- **Commit to your actions.**



# POLICE ARRIVE

The background of the slide is a blurred video frame showing police officers in uniform. In the top left corner, there is a semi-transparent dark box containing the text "911" in large white font, and "When Law Enforcement Arrives:" in smaller white font below it.

# 911

When Law Enforcement Arrives:

- **Remain calm and follow instructions.**
- **Keep your hands visible at all times.**
- **Avoid pointing or yelling.**
- **Know that help for the injured is on its way.**



# PREPAREDNESS

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- ❖ The difference between surviving and not, is separated by the thinnest of margins in most cases.
- ❖ Study after study has shown that the majority of people that survive an emergency tend to have a plan in place.
- ❖ In other words, they were prepared.





# AWARENESS

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- ❖ Be aware of what is going on around you at all times.
- ❖ Know where doors and other exit areas are.
- ❖ Be aware of WHO is around you.
- ❖ Do not be afraid to look at someone.

The split second you gain from this can make a significant difference.

**Stay alert. Stay alive. It's as simple as that.**



# MOMENT OF ACTION

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Once the time to act has arrived; you must act with aggressive, decisive and purposeful action.

**DO NOT HESITATE!**

You do not need to be able to do many things expertly, just a few things well. Remember that the best plans are usually the simple ones. Do not over complicate your actions.



# Time

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- ❖ Time is your ally.
- ❖ Law enforcement will respond as fast as is possible (average response time is 3 to 5 minutes).

**This simple fact will give the shooter very little time to act, so that individual will attempt to do as much damage as quickly as they can.**

- ❖ Avoiding the shooter is the surest way to remain uninjured.
- ❖ Making yourself a “hard target” (making yourself difficult to get to) is the next best way.



# Review/General Actions

## HOW TO RESPOND

WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY

### 1. EVACUATE

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

### 2. HIDE OUT

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager

### 3. TAKE ACTION

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter

**CALL 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO**

## HOW TO RESPOND

WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
- Raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating

## INFORMATION

YOU SHOULD PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR 911 OPERATOR

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



# THE END