

## When law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm and follow instructions.
- Drop items in your hands. (e.g., 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 ask questions when evacuating.

## Information to provide to 911 operators:

- 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.

## For questions or additional assistance contact:

**EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**

Police: 270-745-COPS(2677)



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# ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENT

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a populated area.

- Victims are selected at random.
- Event is unpredictable and evolves quickly.
- Knowing what to do can save lives.

# ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS

FIGHT

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When an Active Shooter is in your vicinity, you must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with the situation.

## You have three options:

### 1 RUN

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

### 2 HIDE

- Your second option should be to hide.
- Do not huddle together as it makes one an easy target.
- Lock and barricade doors and shut off the lights.

- Fighting is a last resort to be used only when your life is in immediate danger.
- Attempt to incapacitate the active shooter
- Find an object to use as a weapon such as a fire extinguisher or chair.

**The first officers to arrive on scene will not stop to help the injured. Expect rescue teams to follow initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove the injured.**

**Once you have reached a safe location, you likely will be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control and all witnesses have been identified and questioned. Do not leave the area until law enforcement authorities have instructed you to do so.**