

## **RUN. HIDE. FIGHT.**

**RUN:** First and foremost, if you can get out, do so.

- If there is a safe escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises.
- Leave the area whether others agree to or not. Leave your belongings behind.
- If possible, help others escape.
- Prevent others from entering the building and/or area.
- Call 911 when you are safe.

**HIDE:** If you can't get out safely, you need to find a place to hide.

- Act quickly and quietly.
- Try to secure your hiding place the best you can.
- Lock and/or blockade the door.
- Silence your cell phone and electronic devices.
- Hide behind large objects.
- Remain quiet.
- Your hiding place should be out of the shooter's view, provide protection if shots are fired in your direction, and not trap or restrict your options for movement.

**FIGHT:** As a last resort, and only if your life is in danger, whether you're alone or working together as a group, fight.

- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
- Improvise weapons.
- Commit to your actions.

Remember: The first responders on the scene are not there to tend to the injured. They are well trained, and are there to eliminate the threat and stop the shooter.

What to do 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.

Ready Houston

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUra6uw6CXK9SNLZeddcLlufDY5OfnMpU>

FBI, *A Study of Active Shooter Incidents in the United States between 2000 and 2013*

\*In 64 incidents where the duration of the incident could be ascertained:

- 44 (69%) ended in 5 minutes or less
- 23 ended in 2 minutes or less

*"Even when law enforcement was present or able to respond in minutes, civilians often had to make life and death decisions, and therefore, should be engaged in training and discussions on decisions they may face."*

<https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/office-of-partner-engagement/active-shooter-incidents>