



WHAT TO EXPECT FROM RESPONDING POLICE OFFICERS

Police Officers responding to an active shooter are trained to proceed immediately to the area where the shots were last heard; their purpose is to stop the shooting as quickly as possible. The first responding officers may possibly be from different police agencies and dressed in different uniforms. They may even be in civilian clothes and wearing an external bulletproof vest.

- Regardless of how officers appear, remain calm.
- Do as the officers tell you, and do not be afraid of them.
- Put down any bags that you are carrying and keep your hands visible at all times.
- If you know where the shooter is, or know the shooter's description, tell the officers.
- The first officers to arrive will not stop to aid injured victims. Rescue teams will follow shortly after as they will attend to the injured and remove everyone safely from the area.
- Keep in mind, once you have escaped to a safer location, the entire area is still a crime scene.
- Police will usually not let anyone leave until the situation is under control and witnesses have been identified. Until you have been released, remain in the area authorities have designated.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

- Prepare a plan of action for an active shooter in advance.
- Determine possible escape routes and know where the nearest building exits are.
- The BC Department of Public Safety website provides you with additional information and the video, *Active Shooter Response Training*.

**SEE SOMETHING
SAY SOMETHING
DO SOMETHING**

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ACTIVE SHOOTER SAFETY TIPS

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ACTIVE SHOOTER DEFINED

An Active Shooter is a situation where one or more suspects participate in a random or systematic shooting spree, demonstrating intent to continuously harm others. The overriding objective appears to be that of inflicting serious bodily injury or death rather than other criminal conduct. These situations are dynamic and evolve rapidly, demanding immediate deployment of law enforcement resources to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to innocent victims.

IN THE CLASSROOM OR OFFICE

- If you are in a classroom or office, **STAY THERE**, secure the door and turn off the lights.
- Remain silent.
- If the door has no lock and opens in, barricade the door as much as possible.
- If the door has a window, cover it.
- Depending on the shooter's location, you may need to exit through the windows. Have someone watch as people exit and stay calm and quiet.
- If the windows do not open, or cannot be broken, or you are not on a ground floor, get out of sight from the door and stay low and quiet.
- If no police units are on scene, move away from the incident and find a safe cover (not in a parking lot) and wait for the police to arrive.
- When police officers arrive, keep your hands visible.



IN HALLWAYS OR CORRIDORS

- If in a hallway or corridor, get in a room that's not already secured and secure it.
- Unless you are very close to an exit, do not run through a long hall to get to one, as you may encounter the gunman or hostage taker.

IN LARGE ROOMS OR AUDITORIUMS

- If in a gym or theater area and the shooter(s) are not present, move to an external exit and move toward any police unit.
- Drop all bags and keep your hands visible.
- Do what the police tell you to do.

IN OPEN SPACES

- Stay alert and look for appropriate cover locations. Hard cover, such as brick walls, large trees, retaining walls, parked vehicles, and any other object that may stop bullets, may be utilized as cover.



IN YOUR AREA

- Lock and barricade the door. Turn off the lights and ambient sounds.
- Make a plan if the shooter enters your room. Be prepared to fight!
- If the shooter enters the room, and you cannot escape, fight! Use chairs, tables, anything you can to incapacitate the shooter.
- If they start shooting people, you need to make a choice: stay, run, or attack.
 - If you choose to stay, playing dead may be a consideration.
 - If you choose to run, a zigzagging moving target is more difficult to hit than running in a straight line.
 - If you choose to attack, as there are no other options, remember that you have a choice and the shooter will not expect you to attack.