



# ACTIVE SHOOTERS

*Best Practices for Trained Civilians When Responding to an Active Shooter Incident*

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IN THIS CONTEXT TO “FADE” MEANS TO QUICKLY AND INTENTIONALLY DISAPPEAR FROM THE SHOOTER’S LINE OF SIGHT

### FALL TO ONE KNEE OR TO A PRONE POSITION

It's common for shooters to aim at a level equivalent to an adult male's chest.

If there is enough space to do so, falling to one knee or a prone position as soon as shots are heard may take you out of the line of fire.

In overcrowded conditions lower your head and move with the crowd until you can find a place to safely fall to one knee and assess the situation.

### ASSESS WHAT'S TAKING PLACE AROUND YOUR POSITION

Immediately scan 360 degrees to determine the following three things:

1. Where is the shooter or shooters?
2. Where are those for whom I'm responsible?
3. Where am I or we going?

Remember that “Movement without observation may result in death.”

### DISRUPT THE SHOOTER IF YOU ARE ABLE AND WILLING TO DO SO

If you're in close enough proximity and have the training and will to do so, disrupt the shooter.

The primary goal is to control the weapon and take it from the shooter. Simply tackling the shooter will likely allow for continued firing of the weapon.

Consider receiving training on how to effectively disarm or disable an active shooter.

### ESCAPE THE SCENE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO DISRUPT THE SHOOTER

Know the difference between ballistic cover and tactical concealment. Hiding in plain sight, such as under a table, is generally not effective.

Move with observation and purpose. Create as many obstacles and as much distance between you and the shooter as possible.

Obey the commands of law enforcement officers if/when you encounter them.