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Safety Tips and Guidelines for Surviving: “Active Shooter”

Purpose:

- ❖ The United States has been reeling in light of the violence that has been perpetuated within our communities and schools. This document was created by the District Police Department to better equip you with the basic knowledge needed to survive an active shooter event.

Active Shooter Defined:

- ❖ An “active shooter” is an armed person who has used deadly physical force on other persons and continues to do so while having unrestricted access to additional victims. These situations require Law Enforcement to take immediate action to end the danger.

In the Classroom or Office:

- ❖ STAY THERE, secure the door. If the door has no lock and the door opens in, find something heavy to wedge under the door, otherwise look for heavy furniture to barricade the door. If the door has a window, cover it if you can and STAY AWAY from it.
- ❖ Depending on the shooters location, consideration may be made to exit through a window. If this is the case, get as many students out of the windows as calmly and as quietly as possible. If the windows don't open, or you cannot break them, or you are not on a ground floor, **get out of sight from the door and stay low and quiet.**
- ❖ **STAY THERE UNTIL OFFICERS COME AND GET YOU OUT!**

In Hallways or Corridors:

- ❖ Unless you are very close to an exit, don't run through a long hall to get to one, you may encounter the shooter. **Don't hide in restrooms!**
- ❖ Find an unsecured room, get in and lock the door behind you. Follow the **Classroom or Office** protocol.

In Large Rooms, Theaters or Auditoriums:

- ❖ Highly populated areas will attract the most attention from the shooters. **You need to get out!**
- ❖ Quickly **locate only those exits that lead directly to parking lots.** Once out, run toward any Police car. Keep your hands on top of your head. Do exactly what the Police tell you to do and DO IT IMMEDIATELY.
- ❖ If you are unable to get out, **DO NOT HIDE UNDER DESKS or TABLES.** Use them to try and barricade and secure the doors.

Open Spaces:

- ❖ Stay alert and look for appropriate cover locations, including brick walls, large trees, retaining walls, parked vehicles and any other object which may stop firearm ammunition penetration.
- ❖ If you determine a safe way to flee the area, do so quickly. Once you have located a safe area, immediately make yourself known to Police Officers and provide any information you can. Do not just leave.



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If You Are Trapped with the Gunmen:

- ❖ **If they are not shooting, do what they say and don't move suddenly. Don't do anything to provoke them.**
 - The shooting has stopped and it needs to remain that way.
- ❖ **If the gunmen start shooting, you need to make a choice (*at this point it is your choice*).** Any option chosen may still result in a negative consequence.
 - Stay still, or play dead.
 - Run for an exit while zigzagging:
 - The zigzagging pattern will make it more difficult for the shooter to aim and fire
 - Attack the shooter:
 - This is very dangerous and could ultimately lead to your death, however, it is no more dangerous than doing nothing.
 - The last thing that the shooter will expect is to be attacked by an unarmed person.

This is **not a recommendation** to attack the shooter but rather a personal decision to fight when you are faced with the choice of living, or dying and there are no other options left.

When Officers Arrive:

- ❖ The first team of Police Officers you see will not be there to rescue you, or assist the injured. They are the contact team and will be actively pursuing the shooter.
 - If the Police give you any instructions, follow them **without question** and try to assist the injured in carrying out those instructions.
 - Provide them with any information that may be helpful for them to locate the shooter, but provide it quickly, as they will not have time to stop.
- ❖ If the officers direct you to get out of the building, get out and move toward any Police vehicle when safe to do so while keeping your hands on top of your head. **Do exactly what the Police tell you to do and DO IT IMMEDIATELY.** These instructions are for the safety of everyone involved.

Lockdown Procedures:

- ❖ In the event you were able to safely lock yourself in a room or office, **DO NOT LEAVE THAT ROOM.**
- ❖ Once the shooter has been stopped, Officers will begin a systematic search of every room. This is a very time consuming task.

Important Note!

These safety tips and guidelines are not all inclusive, but if understood and followed up with periodic reminders and training when feasible, it can increase your chances of surviving an active shooter incident.

Program the District Police phone number (209-954-5000) into your cell phone. Always notify the police department as soon as it is safe to do so. The information you provide could save lives!