

## Profile of An Active Shooter

An active shooter engages in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area, typically through the use of firearms. Victims are selected at random. The event is unpredictable, evolves quickly and usually requires law enforcement to end it.

Contact the SF State Police Department for more information and training on active shooter response in your office/classroom/study area at **415.338.1046** or **[eprep@sfsu.edu](mailto:eprep@sfsu.edu)**.



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## Coping With An Active Shooter Situation

### **BE AWARE**

of your environment  
and any possible dangers

### **NOTE**

the two nearest exits  
in any facility you visit

If in an office,  
**SECURE** the door

**ATTEMPT** to take the active  
shooter down as a last resort

## How To Respond to An Active Shooter

### Evacuate

**HAVE** an escape route and plan in mind.

**LEAVE** your belongings behind.

**KEEP** your hands visible.

### Hide

**HIDE** in an area out of the active shooter's view.

**BLOCK** the entry to your hiding place,  
and lock the doors.

### Take Action

**ONLY AS A LAST RESORT:**

**ATTEMPT** to incapacitate the active shooter.

**ACT** with physical aggression, and throw  
items at the active shooter.

### Call 911

**WHEN SAFE** to do so

## How To Respond When Law Enforcement Arrives

**REMAIN** calm, follow officers' instructions.

**IMMEDIATELY** raise hands & spread fingers.

**KEEP** hands visible at all times.

**AVOID** making quick movements such as  
holding onto officers for safety.

**AVOID** pointing, screaming or yelling.

**DO NOT** ask for help or directions when evacuating.

## Information To Provide to Law Enforcement or 911

**LOCATION** of the active shooter

**NUMBER** of shooters

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION** of shooter(s)

**NUMBER** of and type of weapon held by shooter(s)

**NUMBER** of potential victims