

## ACTIVE SHOOTER

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. In most cases, active shooters use firearm(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. *U.S. Department of Homeland Security*

### Keep Safety in Mind

What is your plan if there is an active shooter at your place of business? Where will you run? Where are some good hiding places? Have you practiced your plan? Being prepared before an active shooter situation happens can make all the difference of survival.

Here are the top 5 things you need to know about active shooter:

### 1. Run

- Run if you can.
- Try and get other people around you to run as well.
- Leave your stuff behind.
- Once outside, keep running.
- Warn others while running.
- Call 911 once you are safe.

### 2. Hide

- If you can't run, then hide.
- Be quit.
- Lock doors.
- Turn off lights.
- Block the door.
- Turn off cell phones.
- Remain calm.

### 3. Fight

- If you can't run or hide, then fight.
- This should be your last resort.
- Make due with stuff around you to act as a weapon.
- Don't be an easy target.

### 4. Be prepared

- Be prepared with a plan of what to do if there is an active shooter.
- Know your escape routes.
- Know places to hide.
- Decide today what you are going to do in case of an active shooter.

### 5. Practice your plan

- Practice what to do if there is an active shooter.
- Identify weaknesses in your plan and correct them.
- Make sure everyone takes part in practicing your plan.

### Discussion

- 1. What are three steps to do in case of an active shooter?**
- 2. What is your escape route in your work area?**
- 3. Can anyone share an experience?**

