

BE PREPARED BEFORE IT HAPPENS

Situational Awareness

- Know at least two exits in any building you enter
- Familiarize yourself with escape routes and safe rooms
- Pay attention to people and situations that seem unusual or threatening

Report Warning Signs

- Verbal threats or talk of violence
- Fascination with weapons or mass shootings
- Paranoia, extreme mood swings, or isolation
- Direct threats toward individuals or groups

Don't ignore your instincts. If it feels wrong, report it



Scan for
resources

RESOURCES

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

<https://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>

Resources Include:

- How to respond during an active shooter event
- Preparedness materials
- Training videos and webinars

KnoWhat2Do

<https://knowwhat2do.com/mass-violence/#tab-2>

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iWatchTexas: Community Reporting System

<https://report.iwatchtx.org/iwatchtexas/>

Resources Include:

- Report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate criminal, terroristic, or school safety-related threats



ACTIVE SHOOTER SAFETY

PREPARE TODAY. READY TOMORROW.



WHAT IS AN ACTIVE SHOOTER?

- An active shooter is someone who is actively attempting to kill or injure people in a populated and confined area
- Such incidents are highly unpredictable and can escalate rapidly. In most cases, law enforcement must respond immediately to stop the threat and reduce harm to potential victims
- Because active shooter events often conclude within 10 to 15 minutes—sometimes before police can arrive—individuals should be mentally and physically prepared to respond quickly and effectively



RUN. HIDE. FIGHT. AVOID. DENY. DEFEND.

Run/Avoid - Have an escape route and plan in mind

- Leave belongings behind
- Help others escape if possible
- Prevent others from entering danger

Hide/Deny - If Escape is Not Possible

- Lock and block doors
- Turn off lights, silence phones
- Stay quiet and out of view
- Spread out—don't huddle

Fight/Defend - As a Last Resort

- Act with physical aggression
- Use improvised weapons (fire extinguisher, chair, scissors)
- Commit to your actions
- Work as a team if possible

SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

Reporting Options:

- For emergencies requiring immediate help: Call 911
- For non-emergencies or suspicious activity (e.g., threats, behaviors that concern you):
- Use iWatchTexas:
 - App or online: iwatchtx.org
 - Phone: 1-844-643-2251

WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Keep hands visible and empty
- Do not make sudden movements
- Avoid pointing, screaming, or grabbing officers
- Proceed in the direction they tell you