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Active Shooter Preparedness

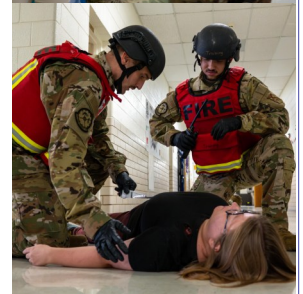
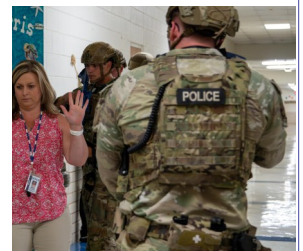
An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people, most often in populated areas. In most cases, active shooters use firearms and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. In some cases, active shooters use improvised explosive devices to create additional victims and to impede first responders. All personnel are responsible for exercising sound judgment and Risk Management (RM) in an active shooter event.

Active Shooter Response — Phase 1

Notification of an active shooter event will be announced over all mass notification means available (Giant Voice, AtHoc). The message "LOCKDOWN (3X), LAST KNOWN THREAT AREA IS _____" will play over the Giant Voice system. All personnel must act quickly to protect themselves and take action to Escape, Barricade, or Fight.

Active Shooter Response — Phase 2

Lock down phase 2 provides certain individuals the limited freedom of movement for Wing Operation Center (WOC)/Emergency Operation Center (EOC), First Responders, and Support Personnel. All other personnel will remain indoors. A single point of entry and 100% ID checks should take place in all facilities. This includes inspecting all hand carried items and identifying all visitors within work centers. Any personnel that are outside during phase 2 should report to the nearest facility and present their ID card. All personnel should be prepared to provide accountability.



Response Actions

Escape If a safe escape route is available, evacuate the area immediately. Leave belongings behind and encourage others to evacuate if possible, but do not delay if they choose not to follow. Once safe, call 911 and follow the operator's instructions. If you are on Altus AFB, inform the 911 operator and prevent others from entering the danger area if you can do so safely and without interfering with responders.

Barricade If evacuation is not possible, find a location where you can create a barricade between yourself and the threat. Choose a place that offers protection, limits visibility, and allows movement if needed. Lock or block doors with heavy furniture, turn off lights, cover windows and remain quiet. Silence cell phones and other devices that could reveal your location. If it is safe, contact emergency services and stay on the line until instructed otherwise.

Important information to provide to law enforcement on the phone includes the number of active shooters and their physical description, location, the time you observed the shooter, number and type of weapons held by the shooter and the number of potential victims at the location.

Fight As a last resort, and only if your life is in imminent danger, take action to disrupt or stop the attacker. Personnel should use whatever means possible to overpower the subject to save further lives. Use the minimum force necessary to subdue the shooter, but be aware that deadly force is authorized when an individual reasonably believes they or others in the area are in immediate danger of death or serious bodily harm. The option to fight should only be considered when no other options are available.