

Historical

Experiencing an active attacker incident is something that no one should have to endure. However, in recent times such incidents have become more frequent and have evolved into varying types of tragic scenarios.

2012 Eaton Centre

Gunman shot and killed two and injured five others in a crowded food court.

2014 Ottawa, Parliament Hill

Lone gunman shot and killed soldier. two lives lost including perpetrator.

2015 Paris France-Terrorist Attack

Terrorist attack in France (ISIS) left 130 Dead and over 100 injured/critical

2017 Las Vegas Hotel Shootings

Gunman opened fire from a 32nd-floor hotel room – 59 killed and 527 injured

2018 Danforth Shootings

Gunman opened fire on crowded restaurants and pedestrians – two killed and 13 injured

2020 Portapique, Nova Scotia

Gunman posed as an RCMP officer and killed 22 people over a 14-hour period

The Halton Regional Police Service has directed their focus to the simple but effective concept of: **Run, Hide, Defend.** The implementation of this concept could prove to be the difference between life and death.

RUN HIDE DEFEND



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An **active attacker** is defined as an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. Attacks are unpredictable in any environment. Individual mental and physical preparation is necessary before law enforcement can arrive.



In an **Active Attacker** encounter...

RUN



If a safe path is available,

- **RUN** - Do not hesitate
- Leave your belongings
- Discourage others from entering the area
- Escape or evacuate to a **safe location**
- Do not stop to assist wounded
- Call police when it is safe to do so

HIDE



If you can't get out safely,

- **HIDE** - Stay out of the attackers view
- Be quiet
- Silence your phone
- Lock/barricade doors
- Call police when it is safe to do so

DEFEND



As a last resort,

- **DEFEND** - With absolute commitment
- Be **physical** and **aggressive**
- Be **loud** and **vocal**
- Consider using **objects as improvised weapons**
- Fight to **incapacitate** the attacker
- Call police when it is safe to do so



It's always best to have a plan in place taking into consideration the concepts of Run, Hide & Defend. However, always remember that incidents are fluid, dynamic, and always changing. The ability to plan, adapt, and adjust will improve your odds of survival in an Active Attacker situation.