

an active attacker or threat



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.

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 attacker(s)' 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(s)
- **Call police** when it is safe to do so

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