

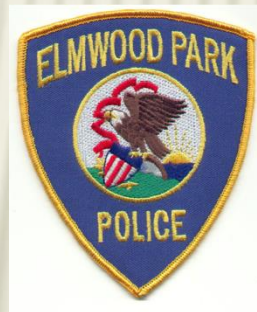
ACTIVE THREAT – WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

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WHAT IS AN ACTIVE SHOOTER?

- × Department of Homeland Security defines an active shooter as an individual(s) 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
- × *Who it's not...*
- × *Who commits these acts???*

WHY DO WE TRAIN FOR THIS?

× Simply Put,

Because **1** incident is too many!!!

WHAT ARE WE TEACHING THE SCHOOLS?

× *Soft Lockdown*

Incidents that warrant Soft Lockdown:

- × Civil Disturbance in the area
- × Gang activity
- × Disruptive person/visitor
- × Suspicious person in the area
- × Police activity in the area
- × *(important to know there may not be much information readily available)*

WHAT ARE WE TEACHING THE SCHOOLS?

× *Soft Lockdown*

Simply put: building a secure environment by locking down exterior perimeter access points of the building



WHAT ARE WE TEACHING THE SCHOOLS?

× *Soft Lockdown*

What about the beginning or end of day???

Could you be affected???

WHAT ARE WE TEACHING THE SCHOOLS?

× Hard Lockdown

Incidents that warrant Hard Lockdown:

- × Active Shooter
- × Someone who fails to check in
- × Hostage incident
- × Riot or gang fight
- × Kidnapping/Abduction
- × Out of control person
- × Other life threatening event

WHAT ARE WE TEACHING THE SCHOOLS?

× Hard Lockdown

RUN

HIDE

FIGHT / DISTRACT

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WITH AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION

- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit
- If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door
- Attempt to take the active shooter down as a last resort

Contact your building management or human resources department for more information and training on active shooter response in your workplace.

CALL 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO

PROFILE

OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area, typically through the use of firearms.

CHARACTERISTICS

OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION

- Victims are selected at random
- The event is unpredictable and evolves quickly
- Law enforcement is usually required to end an active shooter situation



HOW TO RESPOND

WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY

1. RUN

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Keep your hands visible

2. HIDE

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager

3. FIGHT

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter

CALL 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO

HOW TO RESPOND

WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

- Remain calm and follow instructions
- Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
- Raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid quick movements toward officers such as holding on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming or yelling
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating

INFORMATION

YOU SHOULD PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR 911 OPERATOR

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number and type of weapons held by shooters
- Number of potential victims at the location

EVACUATION

× Evacuation point – every school has one predetermined

× *WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT???*

× EVERY CHILD NEEDS DIRECTION AND TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR



REUNIFICATION POINT

- × A predetermined location where all students, staff, and *family* can meet after situation is under control



WHAT NOT TO DO AS PARENTS!

- × *DO NOT GO TO THE INCIDENT LOCATION OR EVACUATION POINT!!!*



- × *WHY???*

HOW DO FIRST RESPONDERS GET THERE?

- × PARENT / GUARDIAN VEHICLES IN ROADWAY WILL CAUSE CONGESTION THAT WILL PREVENT POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL FROM GETTING TO THE SCENE – THIS WILL ONLY WORSEN THE SITUATION!!!

CAN WE PREVENT THIS?

- × Seek help immediately from the school, medical professionals and/or police department if any signs of activity causing concern are noticed.
- × For example: *(not limited to)*
 - Violent drawings
 - Obsession with prior active shooter / homicidal or suicidal incidents
 - Web searches of homicidal, suicidal topics / incidents
 - Comments referring to homicidal and/or suicidal tendencies

CAN WE PREVENT THIS?

× (720 ILCS 5/24-9)

Sec. 24-9. Firearms; Child Protection.

Be sure to secure any firearms to prevent children or other unauthorized persons from accessing them.



TEACH YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY

× <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0>



RUN. HIDE. FIGHT.® Surviving an Active Shooter Event - English ...

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