

ARMY ANTITERRORISM



ACTIVE SHOOTER AWARENESS EDUCATION



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES



- Define the term “active shooter.”
- Identify common characteristics of an active shooter.
- Inform RIA personnel on:
 - Installation emergency communication methods; and
 - Actions to take to protect yourself and others from an active shooter; **measures to be a responder instead of a victim.**
- Describe actions that can be expected from responding law enforcement officers.
- Provide additional resources of information.



ACTIVE SHOOTER DEFINED



- As defined by the Department of Homeland Security, *“An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearms(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.”*



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CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER



1. Active shooter incidents are usually spontaneous.
2. Active shooter behavior is unpredictable; violence may be indiscriminate or specific.
3. Active shooters may be suicidal, deciding to die in the course of their actions either at the hand of others or by self-inflicted wound.
4. Incidents often occur in a target-rich environment.
5. Active shooters usually have some degree of familiarity with the building or location they choose to occupy.
6. Most active shooter incidents are over within 10-15 minutes.
7. Active shooters may employ some type of diversion.
8. Multiple weapons are often used.

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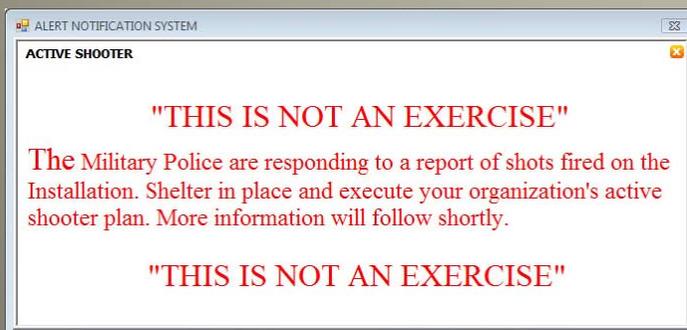
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION METHODS



- Immediate threat area will be alerted by gun shots or screams
- Outside threat area listen or look for updates from:
 - Giant Voice
 - Voice commands from law enforcement personnel
 - AtHoc Text, Email, Telephone and Computer Popup



- Housing residents will be alerted by Text, Email and/or Telephone *****must register numbers via AtHoc self-service*****



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LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES



Goal of lockdown is to minimize exposure to danger

- Once a lockdown is initiated, the entire installation will implement procedures until senior leaders are given the “All Clear” .
 - Procedures include locking doors and windows, and denying entry or exit to personnel.
- Facilities outside the threat area will lock exterior doors.
- If you’re unsure where the threat area is and you’re in a safe location—stay there, but stay vigilant.

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PREPARED VS. UNPREPARED



■ Response to an active shooter requires a *survival mindset*. It entails:

- **Awareness:** Knowing what's going on around you. *Do you know what gunshots sound like?*



- **Preparation:** Educating yourself and others on active shooter response actions.
- **Rehearsal:** Mentally and physically reviewing your actions to build confidence and capability.

Prepared	Unprepared
Startle and Fear	Startle and Fear
Anxiousness	Panic
Recall what they have learned	Fall into disbelief
Prepared to act	Lost in denial
Committed to action	Descend into helplessness

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COURSES OF ACTION



What should your response be?



Surviving an Active Shooter Event

OPTION 1: RUN

- Evacuate to a safer location, if possible
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others escape, if possible
- Prevent persons from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible and follow police instructions
- Do not attempt to move injured persons
- Do not pull the fire alarm
- Call 9-1-1 as soon as possible

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OPTION 2: HIDE

- If escape is not feasible, seek a well hidden and protected location
- Avoid locations that may trap you or restrict your movement
- Lock and barricade doors; get on the floor; stay away from windows; turn out lights
- Call 9-1-1 if possible

OPTION 3: FIGHT

- This should be considered a last resort option
- Use anything at your disposal to disable the shooter
- Coordinate with others to develop an attack plan

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WHAT TO REPORT



- Where you are located?
- Number of people in your room or area
- Injuries
- Specific location of assailant(s)
 - Name of assailant(s) *(if known)*
 - Number of assailants
 - Description of assailants
 - Type of weapon(s)



**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
IMMEDIATELY**

**YOUR CALL MAY SAVE LIVES
Call Rock Island Arsenal (RIA)
Police at
9-1-1**

**When calling from RIA, advise the dispatcher
that you are on RIA
Stay on the phone until police arrive**

Accuracy of information is vital

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LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE



- RIA Police are trained and prepared to respond immediately.
- Obey all commands of law enforcement officers.
- Focus of law enforcement initially is the shooter, not you; self-reliance is the key initially.
- Responding officers will not treat the injured or begin evacuation until the shooter is neutralized.
- Be prepared to have weapons pointed in your direction, be subjected to search, and handcuffed.



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ACCOUNTABILITY



- Once the "All Clear" notification is made to Senior Leaders, Directors will start accountability checks of their personnel and report the information to the **RIA-Operations Center**, 2- 4573.
- If you're away from your organization during an active shooter incident, contact your chain of command as soon as possible to report your status

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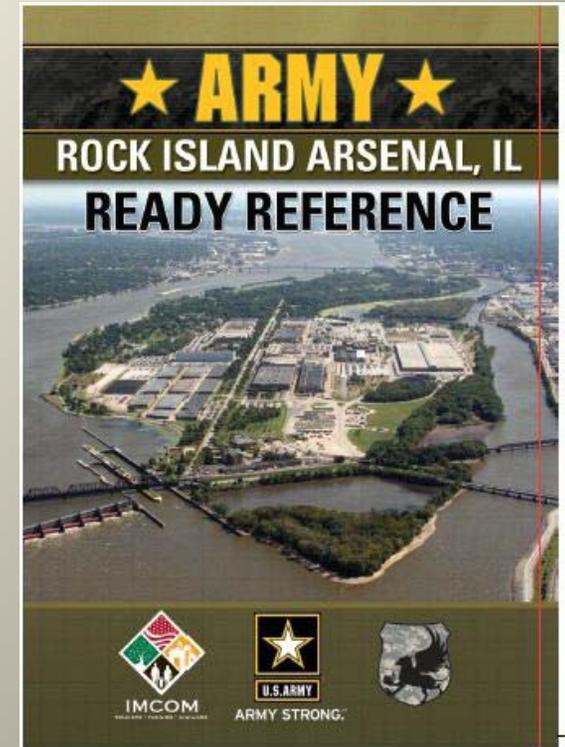
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SUMMARY



- In an active shooter incident:
 - **Run; Hide; or fight**
 - Calm, reassure, and quiet others
 - Report the incident
 - Administer first aid
 - Cooperate with law enforcement
- The Rock Island Arsenal Ready Reference guide has a section on Active Shooter. If you do not have one in your work area contact the RIA Operations Center for one.



Be a responder not a victim.
**Knowing what to do in a time of crisis
may save your life and the lives of others**

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Coping with an Active Shooter

- Be aware of your environment & possible dangers
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit
- If in an office at time of shooting, stay there & secure the door
- If in a hallway or common area, get into a room & secure the door
- As a last resort, attempt to disarm/disable the shooter

Evacuate • Hide • Take Action

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https://www.us.army.mil/site/page/605757

- Run - When an active shooter is in the vicinity
- Hide - If evacuation is not possible
- Fight - As a last resort, and only if your life is in danger
- Training Video to support your program:

<http://www.readyhouston.tx.gov/runhidefight/english.html>



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**For any further assistance please contact the Installation
 Antiterrorism Officer at 782-4577**

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