

# Shots Fired on Campus

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Survivors take a personal stake in their own personal safety & security  
They have mentally prepared themselves by asking the "What if" questions;  
What would I do? Where would I go?

## Survival Mindset

- Awareness
  - Take time to understand your situation
- Preparation
  - Asking yourself "What if" questions
  - Developing effective response strategies
- Rehearsal
  - Practicing your response plan

***Gunshots may be unrecognizable. They will sound artificial - not like on TV.***

## FIGURE OUT

Decide best course of action - trust your intuition

- **GET OUT:** Can you safely escape?
- **HIDE OUT:** Is there a good place to hide?
- **TAKE OUT:** Will you take out the shooter?

*Research shows that there is a REAL difference between the reactions of people who have been trained to face stressful, life threatening situations and those who have not.*

**Recommended Reading:** Amanda Ripley "The Unthinkable: Who Survives Disasters & Why"

<b>TRAINED</b>	<b>UNTRAINED</b>
Anxious	Panic
Recall what they've learned	Disbelief and denial
Preparing to act as they've rehearsed	In denial, shock
Commit to action based on Survival Mindset	Descend into helplessness

## Survival Mindset helps you act quickly and effectively

- Awareness
- Get into your survival mindset
- Able to take rapid, effective actions
- Be **mindful, NOT** fearful

## **Know Your Surroundings**

- Escape Routes
- What is available if you needed to hide behind it as a buffer between assailants and yourselves.
- The best way to contact emergency services

## **HUMAN THREATS**

- Be aware of people around you
- Pay attention to what seems out of the ordinary
- ACCEPT that a situation like this could happen is the first step to taking decisive action

## **FIGURE OUT** the situation

- What's going on
- Where is it happening
- Who is doing it?
- Build your awareness using all your senses
- Do it quickly
- Stay calm
- Trust your intuition!

***If you hear a sound that might be a gunshot, assume that it is until you know otherwise.***

## **TAKE ACTION OPTIONS**

### **A. GET OUT**

- If you can, get out
- Trust your instinct
- Leave belongings behind
- The best way to survive an active shooter situation is not to be where he is and not to go where he can see you
- Run if a safe path is available. Always try and escape or evacuate even if others insist on staying.
- Encourage others to leave with you but don't let the indecision of others slow down your own effort to escape.
- Once you are out of the line of fire, try to prevent others from walking into the danger zone and call 9-1-1.

### **B. CALL OUT\***

- Don't assume someone else is calling
- Call 9-1-1 (pay phones, cell phones with 7 digit emergency number (408-299-3233), landline phones, classroom emergency phones, signal out a window, TEXT a friend and ask them to call 9-1-1)
- Be persistent; lines may be jammed
- Calmly state where you are and what's happening

### **C. HIDE OUT - KEEP OUT - SPREAD OUT**

If you cannot get out safely

- Find a hidden location
- Find protection
- Avoid places that trap or restrict movement

#### **KEEP OUT**

- Find a room that locks
- Blockade the door
- Lights out!
- Be silent - turn off radios or other noise producing objects and silence cell phones or pagers
- CALL OUT

#### **SPREAD OUT**

- It's much easier to shoot a group of people who are huddled in one place, than if they are scattered around the room
- Quietly talk about what you'll do if the shooter enters

### **D. TAKE OUT - If there is no other option**

- Spread out
- Make a plan
- Act as a team
- Total commitment to action
- Do whatever necessary

*Convince yourself that you have what it takes to survive when your life is on the line*

- This is a life and death decision only you can make
- Disrupt his actions or incapacitate him
- Total commitment and absolute resolve is critical
- Act with aggression, use improvised weapons

#### **[Last Resort Video](#)**

### **WHAT IF? ...shooting begins while you are walking outside?**

- Stay in motion
- Find protection (tree, wall, anything that will give you some protection)
- Use surrounding environment
- FIGURE OUT & follow action steps

### **HELP OUT**

- Help others escape
- Keep others away from the danger area
- Help the injured *Take START Triage!*
- Warn others
- Help others stay calm

<b>WHEN OFFICERS ARRIVE</b>		
<b>WHEN OFFICERS ARRIVE outside, calmly tell them:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location of the shooter</li> <li>• Number of shooters</li> <li>• Number and type of weapons</li> </ul>	<b>WHEN OFFICERS ENTER your room:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don't point</li> <li>• Keep hands open and visible at all times</li> <li>• Don't scream or yell or run toward officers</li> <li>• Be quiet, compliant</li> <li>• They don't know who's a threat</li> </ul>	<b>Law Enforcement's first responsibility is to eliminate the threat:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police will not assist with injuries</li> <li>• Police will not assist you as you get out</li> </ul>

<b>HOSTAGE SITUATION – DIFFERENT FROM ACTIVE SHOOTER</b>		
<b>Hostage Taker's Objectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses hostages for leverage</li> <li>• Trying to achieve a goal</li> </ul>	<b>What To Do As A Hostage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain calm</li> <li>• Follow directions</li> <li>• Wait for authorities to resolve</li> <li>• If the situation changes...and the gunman starts shooting...<b>YOU'RE IN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION</b></li> </ul>	<b>Hostage Survival</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remain calm</li> <li>• Follow directions</li> <li>• Avoid sudden movements</li> <li>• Maintain eye contact (but don't stare) Find a middle position (not too assertive/passive)</li> <li>• Personalize yourself</li> <li>• Don't argue</li> <li>• Don't be a nuisance</li> <li>• Don't turn your back</li> <li>• Negotiations may take a long time, be mentally prepared</li> </ul>

**PREVENTION**

- **REPORT** observations and feelings
- Violence often results from frustration and a communication breakdown
- Listen to "troubled" individuals

**ANONYMOUS TIPS (this is not for in-progress emergencies)**

TEXT [westvalley@tipnow.com](mailto:westvalley@tipnow.com) or call 408-414-7908

TEXT [mission@tipnow.com](mailto:mission@tipnow.com) or call 408-550-7982

### BEHAVIORS OF CONCERN

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angry or argumentative</li> <li>• Blame others for their problems</li> <li>• Fail to take responsibility for their own actions</li> <li>• Retaliate against perceived injustice</li> <li>• Increasing belligerence</li> <li>• Ominous, specific threats (homicide, suicide, etc)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hypersensitivity to criticism</li> <li>• Recent acquisition/fascination with weapons</li> <li>• Preoccupation with violent themes</li> <li>• Interest in recently publicized violent events</li> <li>• Extreme disorganization</li> <li>• Noticeable changes in behavior</li> </ul> |
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### \*INFORMATION FOR 9-1-1

***Provide as much information as possible to the 9-1-1 dispatcher***

#### **Suspect Description:**

- Male or female?
- Approximate age?
- Height/Weight
- Hair/Eye color
- Clothing description
- Other unique characteristics?

#### **Weapon Description:**

- Color
- Rapid fire or single shot?
- Pistol, Rifle?
- How many weapons?

#### **Car Description:**

- Color, Year, Make & Body Style, Model
- LICENSE plate & license state
- Other identifiers (body damage, bumper stickers)