How would you defend yourself against an active shooter?

**Run.**
- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Help others escape, if possible
- Do not attempt to move wounded people
- Prevent others from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
- Call 8911, 864-388-8222 or 911 when it is safe to do so.

**Hide.**
- Hide in an area out of the shooter’s view
- Lock the door or block the entry to your hiding place, turn off lights, wait for police.
- Silence your cell phone (including the vibrate mode) and remain quiet

**Fight.** **Last Resort**
- Fight as a last resort & only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Commit to your actions…your life depends on it

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**Additional Safety Instructions:**

- Prepare to Survive:
  - Ask the “What if” questions
  - Prepare mentally/emotionally
  - Practice plan mentally /physically

The first officers to arrive at the scene will not stop to help injured persons. Expect rescue teams to follow the initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove the injured. Once you have reached a safe location, you will likely be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control, and all witnesses have been identified and questioned. Do not leave the area until law enforcement authorities have instructed you to do so.