Active-Shooter Awareness

Why have a plan? Consider the numbers

60% of incidents end before police arrive

5 minutes, as in the amount of time within most incidents end

Have a plan? Now practice, practice, practice!

- Learn how best to evacuate or to conduct lockdown
- Select rooms with thick walls, solid doors that lock

Some Things to Remember
No single response fits all active-shooter situations. The best plan is to make sure individuals know the best response to multiple situations.

Did we mention practice? Seriously, though, practice provides the opportunity to get as comfortable as possible with how to react in a positive way.
Respond Immediately

Run
If it is safe, run in the opposite direction of the shooter.
- Leave personal belongings behind
- Avoid elevators
- When safe, call 911

Hide
- If you can’t run, try to find a place to be quiet and out of sight.
- Lock the doors, and barricade the doors
- Turn off lights
- Silence all electronic devices
- Remain silent
- Hide along the wall closest to the exit yet out of view from the hallway

Fight
This option should used only if you can’t run or hide.
- As a last resort, throw anything at the person!
- Be aggressive – your life depends on it.

To receive more information and/or to schedule a training at your church, contact:

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