

# WHAT TO DO IN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION

The following tips are applicable anywhere, including at school, work, shopping malls, athletics and performing arts events, etc.

## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS:

- Be aware of your surroundings and report suspicious activity to the MCCCDC Department of Public Safety Communications Center at 480.784.0911;
- As you enter buildings and rooms, pay attention to alternate exits and consider how you could escape or secure the location;
- If you hear something that sounds like gunshots or an explosion, trust your instincts and be prepared to

## RUN

## HIDE

## FIGHT

If you find yourself in an active shooter situation, you have three options:

### IF YOU CAN ESCAPE, DO SO - RUN:

- Find a safe way to escape;
- Leave your belongings behind and get out;
- Leave even if others do not follow;
- Provide assistance as necessary to help others escape;
- If you encounter police responding, raise your hands and comply with their instructions;
- Call 480.784.0911 if on campus, or 9-1-1 if it occurs off campus, when safe to do so.



### IF THE SHOOTER IS NEARBY OR TOO CLOSE AND YOU CAN'T ESCAPE - HIDE:

- If possible, move to a room where you can lock doors;
- Block doors and window with anything available, i.e.; tables, chairs, desks, file cabinets, etc;
- Turn off lights, be quiet, and silence cell phone;
- If hiding with others, spread out;
- Call 480.784.0911 if on campus or 9-1-1 if it occurs off campus.



### IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ESCAPE OR THE SHOOTER DISCOVERS YOUR HIDING PLACE YOU MUST BE PREPARED TO - FIGHT:



- You must be prepared to fight as a last resort when your life is in imminent danger;
- Do whatever you have to do to incapacitate the shooter;
- Do not be tentative, commit to action, your life may depend on it;
- Improvise weapons and do what you have to do to survive;
- The element of surprise is your ally.

### It is important to remember the following:

- The first police officers on scene will not render aid or stop to help the injured. Police are trained to find and stop the shooter from hurting anyone else;
- As other officers arrive and the situation becomes safe, victims will be treated and evacuated;
- Please remember that the responding police officers do not necessarily know who the shooter is. Everyone they encounter may be a threat, so:
- Remain calm and follow their instructions;
- Drop items in your hands;
- Raise your hands;
- Keep your hands visible;
- Avoid quick movements toward officer and do not reach for or grab them;
- Be prepared to provide as much information as you can to help the officers find the shooter.

### Provide the following information:

- Exact location or last known location of the shooter;
- Number of shooters and type of weapons, if known;
- Physical description of the shooter;
- Number of injured and extent of injuries.



Your MCCCDC Department of Public Safety (DPS) is a full authority police agency, and the District employs 60 state certified police officers and many other public safety professionals. The quickest way to get help at any Maricopa Community College is to call the District Public Safety Communications Center at 480.784.0911 (24/7/365). MCCCDC police officers are trained to deal with active shooter situations and work closely with our local police department. Public Safety offers active shooter training throughout the District.