Active Shooter: The Survival Guide

What is an “Active Shooter”?

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined space or populated area. According to Department of Homeland Security, active shooter victims are likely to be random, the event is unpredictable and evolves quickly, and KNOWING WHAT TO DO CAN SAVE LIVES.

What are my options?

1. **Escape:**
   - Before you act, have an escape route and plan in mind. If possible, have more than one.
   - Do not carry anything that may hinder your movement.
   - Keep your hands visible during your escape.
   - Help those who may need help.
   - Prevent others from entering the location where the shooter may be.
   - Call (510) 885-3791 using cellphone or 911 on a CSUEB phone when you are in a safe location.

2. **Hide:**
   - Hide in an area out of the shooter’s view.
   - Lock or barricade all doors.
   - Close window blinds and cover door window(s).
   - Turn off all lights.
   - Silence your cell phone without vibration.
   - DO NOT huddle, spread out.

3. **Fight**
   - Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger.
   - If possible, have a plan.
   - If feasible, call (510)885-3791/ 911 (CSUEB Phones) and leave the line open.
   - Improvise any weapons that may disable the active shooter.
   - Utilize as much physical aggression as possible.
   - Your life depends on what you are committed to do.

What to tell Police Dispatcher:

- Location of the active shooter.
- Number of shooters.
- Physical description of shooters.
- Number and type of weapons shooter has.
- Number of potential victims at location.