August Tip: Look for the escape when encountering an active shooter!

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in a random or systematic shooting spree with the intent to continuously harm others in a confined and populated area. Often, they have no regard for their own safety or capture. Active shooters pose an immediate risk of death or serious injury to anyone in the vicinity. Be Ready.

**Tip #1:** Take violent acts, threats, or talk of violence seriously and report them immediately to your chain of command or law enforcement authorities, as appropriate.

**Tip #2:** Make note of your environment, any possible dangers, and look for two exits in any facility you visit.

**Tip #3:** Make a plan with your family and ensure everyone knows what they would do, if an active shooter is in the vicinity.

- **Remain calm.**
- **Be quiet and silence your phone.**
- **Turn off all lights.**
- **Evacuate,** if safe to do so. Help others escape, if possible, but evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow.
  - Leave your belongings behind.
  - Warn and prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be.
  - Keep your hands visible.
- **Hide,** if escape is not possible.
  - If you are in an office, stay there and lock and barricade the door.
  - If you are in a hallway, get into a room and secure the door.
  - Your hiding place should be out of the shooter’s view and provide protection if shots are fired in your direction.
- **Take action** as an absolute last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger— attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter:
  - Act as aggressively as possible against him/her.
  - Throw items and improvise weapons.
  - Yell.
Commit to your actions.

- **Call 911** when it is safe to do so and provide the following information to law enforcement officers or 911 operators:
  - Location of the active shooter.
  - Number of shooters, if more than one.
  - Physical description of the shooter(s).
  - Number and type of weapons held by the shooter(s).
  - Number of potential victims.


**Be/stay informed, make a plan, build a kit and pass it on, so all are prepared.**

Semper Paratus!