



HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE
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ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE GUIDE

Tragically, on too many occasions, sanctuaries have become the scenes of violent confrontation, breaching the peace and security we seek when we enter them.

May the One who makes peace in the heavens, help us create peace on earth. And may all of us be able to dwell, and pray, in safety and security, with none to make us afraid.



RUN

If you have the opportunity, run away from the attacker. Don't let indecision slow you down. If the attacker stands between you and the exit, move quickly to safety and find a place to hide.

- If you can, run to safety.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Help others stay out of harm's way.
- Call 911 from a safe location.



HIDE

If you can't run to safety, make it difficult for the attacker to see, hear, or find you. Move quickly but remain calm. If you are in a group, scatter so that you don't make an easy target.

- Lock doors and barricade yourself.
- Turn off any lights and silence your phone. **Do not turn off your phone.**
- Be prepared to **run** or **fight** if you are found.



DEFEND

As a last resort, despite your attempts to run and hide, you may find yourself face to face with the attacker. Defending yourself is your last resort, but it may also afford you the chance to run or hide.

- Be prepared to defend yourself.
- Team up with others.
- Identify defensive skills and tools.
- Remember: your actions before police arrive may save your life.



CALL 911

CALL 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO

It never hurts to prepare for the unthinkable.

An active shooter is an individual, or multiple individuals, actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined space or highly populated area. In most cases, active shooters use firearms and choose their victims at random with the objective of killing as many people as possible.

Active shooter situations can change quickly and unfold rapidly. In order to stop a shooter and minimize harm to a community, an immediate response by members of that community and deployment of law enforcement resources is critical.

In the instance of an active shooter, every second counts. So, remember these three key steps: **RUN, HIDE, and DEFEND.**

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM RESPONDING POLICE OFFICERS

When officers arrive, be prepared to calmly, quickly, and accurately tell them what they need to know:

1. Location of the shooter
2. Number of the shooters, if there is more than one
3. Description of the shooter
4. Number and kinds of weapons they have

Follow the officers' instructions. Officers will take command of the situation by shouting orders and/or physically directing individuals to a safe place or the ground.

The first responding officers' main objective is to stop the active shooter and create a safe environment for medical help for the injured. Officers who arrive later will help identify victims that need medical care and conduct interviews and counseling.

NOTICE CONCERNING BEHAVIOR?

It is Holy Blossom Temple's goal to prevent any unsafe situations before they happen, so we encourage you to report all suspicious behavior and concerns as soon as you notice them. If you experience any immediate threats to your safety or the safety of others, **report to our security or call 911**. For any other concerns or inquiries about safety in our neighbourhood, contact our local Toronto Police Services Division.

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