

SAFETY BULLETIN



ACTIVE SHOOTER: ⊕PTIONS

Recent school shootings have everyone asking the questions:

"Why? What can we do to prevent this? How can we stay safe?" Unfortunately, there are no easy answers, and each district must ensure their staff is trained on an appropriate response that takes into account unique student and facility considerations. The most important thing is to know you have **OPTIONS**.

"LOCKDOWN" or "RUN-HIDE-FIGHT"?

While a traditional lockdown may be a component of any reaction to an emergency situation at a school, it is not the preferred automatic response to an active shooter situation in a school (See sidebar for a definition). Your three options are to *Run, Hide, or Fight*.

What is your district policy?

If you are not sure what your district policy says about an active shooter/killer incident, then ask. If your district does not have a policy, contact STSIG (bottom) for a policy template, or to arrange a meeting to discuss classes, including activity-based scenario training.

An active shooter

is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. In most cases, active shooters use firearms and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.

Training and Education Options and Programs:

A.L.I.C.E Active Shooter Response Training. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. These steps are not sequential but summarize all the actions you can take.
Run-Hide-Fight. Following the tragic shootings at Columbine, Sandy Hook, and others, the DHS, FBI, Dept. of Ed, and many other organizations have adopted the Run-Hide-Fight response model. Check out the resources below for more information.

If you see something, Say something. Many obvious signs have been missed in the past that may have averted school shootings. If something doesn't feel right, report it. (DHS)

Start with Hello (Sandy Hook Promise) Free downloadable gun violence prevention programs

For kids: I'M NOT SCARED... I'M PREPARED! It may be traumatic to discuss this topic with children. This book and teacher's guide may make it easier.

RESOURCES

ALICE Training: www.alicetraining.com

Depart. Homeland Security Active Shooter Preparedness: <https://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>

CSU Active Shooter Safety Training Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZ5n1Xyumb8>

Start with Hello: <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/bringstartwithhello>

CalOES Active Shooter Awareness Pamphlet:

<http://www.compton.edu/adminandoperations/campuspolice/Documents/Cal-OES-Active-Shooter-Awareness-Guidance-2016-update.pdf>

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