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Active Shooter Emergency Response

Please be advised, in an effort to provide more detailed assistance to our members with preparing and responding to an active shooter situation, in addition to the following, Catholic Mutual has completed training videos on this subject. These videos are available at www.CMGconnect.org under the School Safety Curriculum.

We cannot overemphasize the importance of viewing these online courses as part of your Active Shooter Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan.

Active Shooter

Call 911 as soon as it is safe to do so.

Provide as much of the following information as possible:

- Number of shooters
- Location of shooters
- Physical description of shooters
- Number of victims and potential victims
- Types of weapons held by shooters



Run – Hide – Fight

1. Evacuate the Area – If you can safely leave the area, do so.
 - a. Have an escape route and plan in mind.
 - b. Leave your belongings behind.
 - c. Keep your hands visible.
2. Hide – If you are unable to leave the area safely, hide.
 - a. Hide in an area out of the shooter's view. Give critical priority to areas you can best secure.
 - b. Block entry to your hiding place.
 - c. Lock the doors, if possible.
 - d. Move objects in front of doors, if possible.
 - e. Silence cell phones.
 - f. Remain in place until released by law enforcement officer.
3. Take Action – If unable to leave the area or hide, take action only as a last resort.
 - a. Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
 - b. Act with physical aggression.
 - c. Look for items to throw at the shooter or to use in an attack.

When law enforcement arrives, their first priority will be containing the shooter, not helping victims. Do not stop officers to ask for help or direction when evacuating. Evacuate the premises as quickly as it is safe to do so.

- Remain calm and quiet.
- Follow instructions.
- Keep your hands visible at all times.

*As part of your Active Shooter response plan, it is recommended to first review Take Action – Fight Back measures with local law enforcement.