

## Active Shooter Policy

In the event of an active shooter, the Lake Placid Public Library has implemented the following policy of actions to be taken, focusing on three main steps: 1. Run 2. Hide 3. Fight.

1. Run: Attempt to evacuate if there is an accessible escape path
  - \*Do not sound the fire alarm as this will cause people to evacuate and may become easy targets
  - \*Have an escape route and plan in mind
  - \*Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
  - \*Leave your belongings behind
  - \*Help others escape if possible, but do not delay your exit by trying to convince them to leave
  - \*Prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be
  - \*Do not attempt to move wounded people
  - \*Call 911 when you are safe
  - \*When police arrive, keep your hands visible, follow directions, don't ask questions, and remain as calm as possible
  
2. Hide: If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide:
  - \*TURN OFF YOUR PHONE! Any sound may give away your location
  - \*Find a spot that is out of the active shooter's view and provides protection if shots are fired in your direction
  - \*Avoid places that trap you or restrict your options for movement
  - \*Lock the door if possible or blockade with heavy furniture
  - \*Hide behind or under large items
  - \*Try to avoid huddling in groups
  - \*Dial 911 to alert police to the active shooter's location if it is safe to do so (keep phone on silent)
  - \*If the active shooter is nearby, remain still and quiet
  
3. Fight: As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter by:
  - \*Acting as aggressively as possible against him/her
  - \*Throwing items and improvising weapons (fire extinguisher, chairs, heavy books, etc.)
  - \*Yelling
  - \*Committing to your actions