

The City of Healdsburg Police Department takes pride in protecting our community with Integrity, Excellence and Professionalism.

The core values of the Healdsburg Police Department are intended to help guide our actions and demonstrate our commitment to our profession both on and off duty. The members of the Healdsburg Police Department subscribe to the following:

Excellence\* Professionalism  
Integrity\* Pride



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## Community Response to an Active Shooter



*Our Community, Our Commitment*

Kevin Burke  
Chief of Police

## Active Shooter Defined

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 fire-arm(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims. Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to victims. Because active shooter situations are often over within 10 to 15 minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.

(Department of Homeland Security).

## Law Enforcement Response

The Healdsburg Police Department, in conjunction with other Sonoma County Law Enforcement Agencies, has developed and trained in rapid deployment tactics to deal with these threats

Responding officers are trained to immediately respond to the active threat. In doing so, the officers may pass you in an attempt to reach the shooter. If you can direct them to the shooter, do so, but do not attempt to halt their movement.

## Recommended Actions

**How you respond must take into account your specific situation. Remember, there may be more than one shooter.**

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*If an active shooter is OUTSIDE your building*

- Go to a room that can be locked or secured
- Close, lock and barricade windows and doors
- Turn off the lights
- Silence all phones and other electronic devices and remain silent
- Have one person dial 9-1-1
- Do not unlock the door for anyone unless you are absolutely certain that it is the police

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*If an active shooter is INSIDE your building*

- Determine whether the room can be locked
- If so, follow the instructions above
- If not, determine if there is a room nearby that can be locked and whether it is safe to proceed there or whether it is safe to escape outside.

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*If an active shooter enters your room*

- Try to remain calm
- If possible, dial 9-1-1. If you cannot speak, leave the line open to allow the dispatcher to hear what is going on.
- If you are unable to escape or hide, act within your abilities, but do not do anything to further jeopardize your safety.

## What to Report

The dispatcher will ask a series of questions in order to get specific information to relay to responding officers, including:

- Specific location of shooter(s)
- The number of suspects including detailed descriptions of each (age, race, gender, clothing, physical features)
- Type of weapons (handgun, shotgun, rifle, explosives)
- Number of victims and types of injuries



## Run Hide Fight: Surviving an Active Shooter

In July 2012, the Department of Homeland Security released a 6 minute video offering the public additional information on how to respond to an active shooter situation. The video can be viewed at <http://youtu.be/5VcSwejU2D0>

