

In the event of an attack involving firearms or weapons, an Armed Police Officer's priority is to protect and save lives. Please remember that:

- Initially, Police may not be able to distinguish you from the gunmen/attackers.
- Officers may be armed and may point firearms at you.
- Officers may have to treat the public firmly; follow their instructions; keep hands in the air and in view at all times.
- Avoid any sudden movements towards officers, or any pointing, screaming or shouting.

### Pre-Planning

Consider the following when planning for a firearms / weapons incident:

- How you would communicate with staff, visitors, neighbouring premises, etc.
- What key messages would you give to them in order to keep them safe?
- Have the ability to secure key parts of the building to hinder free movement of the gunmen.
- Think about incorporating this into your emergency planning and briefings.
- Test your plan at least annually.

## RUN - HIDE - TELL



Terrorist attacks are indiscriminate, can happen at any time, and are often in the news. The police, security services and their partners work tirelessly to prevent attacks from occurring.

Worldwide events, particularly those relating to terrorism mean that people are understandably concerned about the possibility of an attack happening in Gibraltar. Consequently, it is important to be prepared.

Whilst attacks of this nature remain rare in Gibraltar, in the event you are caught up in one, even if overseas, it is important to remember three key words: **RUN - HIDE - TELL.**

### Information is vital.

If you see or hear anything that doesn't feel right to you, trust your instinct and report it:

Police Emergency:

**199**

General Enquiries:

**20072500**

Report Online:

[www.police.gi/report-online](http://www.police.gi/report-online)

Our specially trained officers will take it from there.

**Your call could save lives!**

# STAY SAFE FROM FIREARMS & WEAPONS ATTACK

## RUN HIDE TELL

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## Stay Safe - Firearms / Weapon Attacks

Attacks involving firearms and weapons are rare, however, in light of recent worldwide trends, it is important to be prepared and better informed should you ever find yourself caught up in a terrorist attack, at home or overseas. The advice in this leaflet will help you plan, and in the event of an attack, help you in trying to stay safe by considering these 4 steps:



Move away from the door and remain quiet until told otherwise by appropriate authorities or unless you need to move for safety reasons, such as a building fire.



Call: **199**

## RUN

- Is there a safe route? **Yes = RUN, NO = HIDE.**
- **INSIST** that others go with you (don't let them slow you down).
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Under immediate **GUNFIRE** – Take cover initially, but leave the area as soon as possible if it is safe to do so.
- Nearby **GUNFIRE** - Leave the area immediately, if it is possible and safe to do so.
- Do not congregate at normal evacuation points.
- Keep people out of public areas, such as corridors and foyers.



## HIDE

**REMEMBER** - out of sight does not necessarily mean out of danger, especially if you are not in 'cover from gunfire.'

### **Cover from Gunfire**

- Substantial Brickwork or Concrete.
- Engine blocks of motor vehicles.
- Base of large live trees.
- Earth banks/hills/mounds.

### **Cover from View**

- Internal Partition Walls.
- Car Doors.
- Wooden Fences.
- Curtains.

**IF YOU CAN'T ESCAPE** - consider locking yourself and others in a room or cupboard. Barricade the door and then stay away from it.

If possible choose a room where escape or further movement is possible. Silence any sources of noise, such as mobile phones, as these may give away your presence.

## TELL

**If it is safe to do so, contact the POLICE immediately by dialing 199/112, and then provide information shown below:**

- Is it a firearms / weapons incident?
- Exact location of the incident.
- Number and description of gunmen.
- What else are they carrying?
- Moving in any particular direction?
- Type of firearm -long-barrelled or handgun.
- Are the attackers communicating with others?
- Number of casualties / people in the area.

The more information you can pass to Police the better, but **NEVER RISK YOUR OWN SAFETY OR THAT OF OTHERS** to obtain information or pass/communicate it to Police.

Use all channels of communication available to you to inform staff, visitors, neighbouring premises, etc, of the danger.