

HOW TO RESPOND WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY!

ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE





Active Shooter Video

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life.



1. Run

If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises. "Do not sound the fire alarm!"



Be sure to:

- 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
- Prevent Individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
- Follow the instructions of any police officers
- Do not attempt to move wounded people
- Call 911 when you safe and notify campus safety.



2. Hide

If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.



If you are outside a building when an event occurs, take immediate cover, preferably inside a building, circumstances permitting: If you are in a building when an event occurs, you should:

Secure the Immediate Area:

- Lock and barricade doors
- Do not stand by doors or windows



- Turn off lights
- Close blinds
- Block windows
- Turn off radios and computer monitors
- Keep yourself out of sight and take adequate cover/protection (for example, concrete walls, thick desks, filing cabinets—cover may protect you from bullets)
- Silence cell phones and any device that makes noise, such as radios and computer monitors

Un-Securing an Area:

- Consider the risks before un-securing rooms
- Remember, the shooter will not stop until they are engaged by an outside force
- Attempts to rescue people should only be attempted if it can be accomplished without further endangering the people inside a secured area
- If doubt exists for the safety of the individuals inside the room, the area should remain secured
- Know all alternate exits in your building

What to Report:

Provide as much of this information as you can to Campus Safety or other emergency responders, but do not wait if you do not have all the information:

Note: If silence is needed you can text 911!

- Your specific location: building name and office or room number
- Number of people at your specific location
- Injuries—number injured, types of injuries



• Assailant(s)—location, number of suspects, race/gender, clothing description, physical features, type of weapons (long gun or hand gun), backpack, shooter's identity if known, separate explosions from gunfire, etc.

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
- Yelling
- Committing to your actions



How you should react when law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm and follow the officer's instructions
- Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid making quick movements towards officers such as attempting to hold on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming and or yelling
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or directions when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which the officers are entering the premises.

Police Response:

- Objective is to engage assailant(s) immediately
- Evacuate victims
- Facilitate follow up medical care, interviews, counseling
- Investigation

This information is provided by the Department of Homeland Security



Additional Resources:

- Active Shooter Safety Resources FBI
- Attacks in Crowded and Public Spaces | Ready.gov

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