

WARNING SIGNS

It must be stressed that if you have had a conflict with any individuals who display the following tendencies, that you contact campus security, student affairs officials, counseling services administrators or other university officials immediately.

- ⇒ Threatens harm or talks about killing other students, faculty or staff.
- ⇒ Constantly starts or participates in fights.
- ⇒ Loses temper and self-control easily.
- ⇒ Swears or uses vulgar language most of the time.
- ⇒ Possesses or draws artwork that depicts graphic images of death and violence.
- ⇒ Assaults others constantly to include immediate family members.
- ⇒ Possesses weapons (firearms or edged weapons) or has a preoccupation with them.
- ⇒ Becomes frustrated easily and converts frustration into physical violence.



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Emergency
Preparedness
Guide

**ACTIVE
SHOOTER**

HOW TO RESPOND TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

When a hostile person(s) is actively causing deadly harm or the imminent threat of deadly harm within a building or other location we recommend the following procedures.

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life. Students and visitors are likely to follow the lead of faculty and staff during an active shooter situation.

1. RUN

- ⇒ Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- ⇒ Leave your belongings behind.
- ⇒ Do not run in a straight line.
- ⇒ Keep any objects you can between you and the active shooter.
- ⇒ Keep your hands visible.

2. HIDE

- ⇒ Hide in an area out of the active shooter's view.
- ⇒ Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors.
- ⇒ Keep quiet.
- ⇒ If you are unable to run or hide, you may choose to play dead if there are other victims around you.

3. FIGHT

- ⇒ As a last resort only when your life is in imminent danger.
- ⇒ Attempt to incapacitate the active shooter.
- ⇒ Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter.

CALL 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO

DO

Remain calm and follow officers' instructions.

Immediately raise hands and spread fingers.

Keep hand visible at all times.

DO NOT make quick movements toward officers such as attempting to hold on to them for safety.

DO NOT point, scream and/or yell.

DO NOT stop to ask for help or direction when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the premises

IMPORTANT INFORMATION YOU SHOULD PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR 911 OPERATOR:

- ⇒ Location of the active shooter
- ⇒ Number of shooters, if more than one
- ⇒ Physical description of shooter(s)
- ⇒ Number and type of weapons held by the shooter(s)
- ⇒ Number of potential victims at the
- ⇒ Location

CHARACTERISTICS OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

- ⇒ Victims are selected at random.
- ⇒ The event is unpredictable and evolves quickly.
- ⇒ Law enforcement is usually required to end an active shooter situation.

This emergency action plan cannot cover every possible situation that might occur. Nevertheless, it is a training tool that can reduce the number of injuries or deaths if put into as soon as a situation develops. Time is a critical factor in the management of a situation of this manner.