

Active Threat

An active threat may involve someone with a gun (active shooter), knife, or no weapon and includes various situations in which a person acts violently and poses a threat or risk to campus safety. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security suggests the following procedures:

Actions:

- **Run**
 - If possible, escape immediately and evacuate the premises.
 - Leave your belongings.
 - Keep your hands visible.
 - Do not attempt to move wounded people.
 - Call 911 or campus police when you are safe.
 - When you call, provide your location.
 - Provide a complete description of the suspect(s), including any observed weapons and the suspect's last known location.
 - Provide the location, if known, of any injured victims.
 - Stay on the phone until dispatch or campus police advise you to hang up.
- **Hide**
 - Immediately seek refuge in a safe place.
 - Lock the door.
 - Barricade the door using something like heavy furniture.
 - Silence your phone, including the vibration mode.
 - Turn off any source of noise.
 - Stay out of sight by hiding behind large objects
 - Stay away from doors and windows.
 - Stay Calm and remain quiet.
- **Fight**
 - As a last resort, only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt, disarm, and/or incapacitate the suspect.
 - Act aggressively toward the suspect.
 - Throw things or attempt to find something that could be a weapon (i.e. sharp or dense objects).
 - Yell.
 - Commit to your actions. Do not hesitate in your defense.

Reminders:

- Do not open the door until the "all clear" is given through Eagle Alert or emergency personnel.
- Do not attempt to help others if it will endanger you or others.
 - Only attempt to help others if it is confirmed that they pose no threat.
 - If there is uncertainty regarding the identification or intent of someone seeking entry, the area must remain secure.
- The suspect may attempt to entice you to open or exit your safe place by banging on the door, yelling for help, posing as emergency personnel, etc.