



ACTIVE THREAT EVENT

Quick Reference Guide

HOW TO RESPOND. What You Do Matters.

An active threat is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area.



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AVOID

Move away from the source of threat as quickly as possible. Once you are safe, call 911.

DENY

When getting away is difficult or even impossible:

1. Block the door
2. Avoid windows
3. Turn off lights and silence your phone
4. Remain quiet and out of sight

DEFEND

You have a right to protect yourself. Act aggressively and commit to your actions.

When law enforcement arrives:

- Remain calm and follow instructions.
- Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets).
- Raise hands and spread fingers.
- Keep hands visible at all times.
- Avoid quick movements toward officers (such as holding on to them for safety).
- Avoid pointing, screaming, or yelling.
- Do not stop to ask officers for help when evacuating.

Be aware, be prepared



Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers.



Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit.



Think about where you could hide in places you frequent (classrooms, labs, offices, etc.).



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