



ACTIVE THREAT SELF SPACE ASSESSMENT

CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY (CPSO)

During an active threat, we each need to assess our own safety and respond. We can prepare by having a personal plan in place. Follow the self assessment below and frequently mentally rehearse what you find.

IF AN ACTIVE THREAT IS PRESENT, REMEMBER: **AVOID, DENY, DEFEND**

AVOID — GET AWAY FROM THE ACTIVE THREAT (RUN)

- What Are All The Exits Available To Me In My Office / Dorm / Classroom?
(Main Entrance, Stairwell, Backdoors, Etc.)
- Which Is The Closest?
- Which Is The Least Visible?

DENY — IF CAN'T AVOID, ISOLATE FROM THE THREAT (HIDE)

- Where Is The Closest Location That Can Be Locked? How Does It Lock?
(Office/Suite Door, Stairwell Exits Onto Other Floors, etc.)
- If I Can't Get Behind A Locked Door, How Can I Barricade Or Keep The Door From Opening?
(Wedging the door with a doorstop, stacked furniture, etc.)
- Where Is The Closest Place I Can Hide?
(Ideally a place you can run from if needed)

DEFEND — IF YOU CAN'T DENY, DEFEND YOURSELF (FIGHT)

- What Are The Objects Available To Me That I Could Use To Defend Myself By Attacking Someone?
(Water Bottles, Mugs, Pens, Laptops, Art Pieces, anything that can be used to hit or hurt)
- What Places Could I Use To Surprise Someone If I Believe I Will Be Found?
(Surprise is the most valuable thing in a fight, strike when they don't expect it)

REPORT — AFTER YOU ARE CLEAR OF IMMEDIATE THREAT CALL 9-1-1

- What Ways Can I Reach 911?
(Cell Phone, Desk Phone, Blue Light Phones, etc.)
- How Can I Notify My Team After I Contact 911?
(Call to Supervisor, Group Chat, Texts, etc.)