

MEHARRY ACTIVE SHOOTER & VIOLENT INTRUDER RESPONSE AWARENESS



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PREPARATION

PLAN – Have a plan for your surroundings

EVALUATE – Determine the best response

RESPOND – Take action



ACTIONS

RUN – Flee the area if possible

HIDE – Shelter in Place

FIGHT – Put up a defense if necessary



IF YOU RUN – If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises. 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 others from entering the area
 - Follow the instructions of any police officers
 - Do not attempt to move wounded people
 - Call 911 when you are safe
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IF YOU HIDE – If evacuation is impossible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to see you.

Your hiding place should:

- Be out of the active shooter's view
- Protect if shots are fired in your direction (i.e., an office with a closed and locked door)
- Not trap you or restrict your options for movement (if possible)

To prevent an active shooter from entering your hiding place:

- Lock the door
 - Blockade the door with heavy furniture
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IF YOU FIGHT – As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and incapacitate the active shooter by:

- Acting as aggressively as possible against the attacker.
 - Throwing items and improvising weapons such as chairs, books, paperweights, fire extinguishers, or other heavy items.
 - Using numbers to overwhelm the attacker. There is strength in working together.
 - Yelling to startle the attacker and draw attention to the situation.
 - Committing to your actions and fighting like your life depends on it.
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HOW TO RESPOND WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY

If the active shooter is nearby:

- Lock the door
 - Silence your cell phone
 - Turn off any source of noise (i.e., radios, televisions)
 - Hide behind large items (i.e., cabinets, desks)
 - Remain quiet
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REPORTING AN INCIDENT

Suppose you witness an incident; as soon as you get to safety, **CALL 911 FIRST**. Then, if you are able, call the DCSS 24 hour dispatcher to let them know.

Why call 911 first? In the event of an incident, there will likely be more calls than the Department of Campus Safety and Security can handle at once. Local 911 call centers have the capacity for hundreds of calls.

Do not call the Department of Campus Safety and Security to ask questions about what is happening. All police personnel will be engaged in responding to the threat and alerts will be sent out.



REPORTING AN INCIDENT

When you call 911, give as many details as you can, including:

- Location of the active shooter
 - Number of shooters, if more than one
 - Physical description of shooter's features, such as hair color, gender, size, ethnicity, distinguishing marks, etc.
 - Description of the shooter's clothing, such as shirt, pants, jacket, etc.
 - Number and type of weapons held by the shooter, if known
 - Number of potential victims at the location
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POLICE RESPONSE

The priority of police officers will be to locate and stop the shooter.

Police officers arriving on the scene will not be directing evacuations.

Officers will not be providing medical assistance to the wounded. The shooter will be their primary focus until the shooter has been stopped.

Do not follow police officers thinking they will lead you to safety.

Officers will be going toward the threat.



HOW TO REACT WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES:

- Remain calm, and follow officers' instructions
 - Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
 - Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
 - Always keep hands visible
 - Avoid making quick movements toward officers, such as holding 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 officers are entering the premises
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**End of Training
Thank you!**
