



Safety Guidelines for Active Shooter Situation

Evacuate: If the path is accessible, attempt to evacuate the area.

- Be sure to leave your belongings behind.
- Once you decide to evacuate, commit to it regardless of whether others agree to follow.
- Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Warn others away from entering an area where the active shooter may be.
- Do not attempt to move wounded people.
- Keep your hands visible.
- Follow the instructions of any police officers or emergency responders.
- Call Campus Safety (x72000)** and/or **911** when you are safe.

Shelter in place: If evacuation is not possible

- Lock the door.
- Silence your cell phone and any devices that emit sound.
- Blockade the door with heavy furniture or objects.
- Remain calm and quiet.
- Do not respond to unfamiliar voices or commands.



An active shooter is a person or persons who appear to be actively looking to shoot or engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in populated areas. Active shooters use firearms and display no pattern or method for selection of their victims. In some cases, active shooters use other weapons and/or improvised explosive devices to cause more harm to others and to obstruct law enforcement and emergency services responders from responding. These improvised explosive devices may detonate immediately, have delayed detonation fuses, or may detonate on contact.

How to respond to an active shooter situation

If there is an active shooter on campus, you should determine the best way to protect yourself. Your options are:

Evacuate the building: If you know the escape path and feel safe, then attempt to evacuate the building

Shelter in Place: If evacuation is not possible, find the nearest safe place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you, preferably behind a locked door.

Take Action: As a last resort, and if your life is immediately in danger, you should attempt to take action.

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- Commit to your actions.
- Act as aggressive as possible against the active shooter.
- Use any objects that have the potential to be used as a weapon to hurt the active shooter (i.e. book, chairs, backpacks).
- Yell out loud so that law enforcement can hear you.
- View “Run, Hide, Fight”, a video provided by the FBI at

<https://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cirg/active-shooter-and-mass-casualty-incidents/run-hide-fight-video>

Resources

Campus Safety

<http://www.cuc.claremont.edu/campusafety/emergencies.asp>

U.S Department of Homeland Security

www.dhs.gov/

Federal Emergency Management Agency

<http://www.fema.gov/>

Good practices for dealing with an active shooter situation

- *In any emergency, always try to remain calm. When dealing with an active shooter situation, make sure that you are aware of your environment and any possible dangers.*
- *If you are in the hallway, find the nearest safe area, secure the door, and shelter in place. If you are in an office or classroom, shelter in place and secure the door. Stay at a designated area and secure the door.*
- *If the door cannot be locked, then blockade the door with heavy furniture.*
- *Once you are sheltered in place, make sure you turn off lights, close blinds, block windows, and turn off radios and other devices that emit sound. Be sure to mute cellphones.*

How to respond when law enforcement arrives to the scene

- *The goal of law enforcement is to stop the active shooter as soon as possible. Law enforcement officers are trained to proceed immediately to the area where shots were last heard in order stop the shooter.*
- *The officers will respond in teams and will be armed with shotguns, rifles, and handguns. Make sure that you that you remain calm, and follow the instructions of law enforcements.*
- *Be sure to put down any items in your hands and to keep hands visible at all times.*
- *While waiting for law enforcement to arrive, do not respond to voice commands until you are sure that it is being issued by a law enforcement officer or emergency response personnel.*
- *Unfamiliar voices may be an active shooter trying to lure you into danger.*

