

Active Shooter

While the likelihood of any single individual experiencing an active shooter situation is relatively low, history clearly indicates these types of scenarios can play out in any environment. To better prepare and protect the UNT community, the following information is provided to help UNT prepare for such a situation.

Because active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly, individuals must be prepared to respond before law enforcement arrives at the scene. This information is provided to help you protect yourself and those around you should you ever be in an active shooter situation.

Get Out

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 where others agree to follow
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others escape, if possible
- Prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
- Follow the instructions of any police officers
- Do not attempt to move wounded people
- Call 911 when you are safe

Hide Out

If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.

Your hiding place should:

- Be out of the active shooter's view
- Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction
- Not trap your or restrict your options for movement
- To prevent an active shooter from entering your hiding place:
 - Lock the door
 - Blockade the door with heavy furniture
 - If the active shooter is nearby
 - Lock the door
 - Silence your cell phone and any other source of noise (i.e., radios, television)
 - Hide behind large items (i.e., cabinets, desks)
 - Remain quiet

Take Out

As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter by:

- Acting as aggressively as possible against the shooter
- Throwing items and improvising weapons
- Yelling

- Committing to your actions

Additional Resources:

- <http://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>
- <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/courseOverview.aspx?code=is-907>
- http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/active_shooter_booklet.pdf
- http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/active_shooter_poster.pdf
- https://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/active_shooter_pocket_card.pdf
- <http://www.dhs.gov/video/options-consideration-active-shooter-training-video>