

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.

RUN and escape, if possible.

- Getting away from the shooter or shooters is the top priority.
- Leave your belongings behind and get away.
- Help others escape, if possible, but evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow.
- Warn and prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be.
- Call 911 when you are safe, and describe shooter, location, and weapons.

HIDE, if escape is not possible.

- Get out of the shooter's view and stay very quiet.
- Silence all electronic devices and make sure they won't vibrate.
- Lock and block doors, close blinds, and turn off lights.
- Don't hide in groups- spread out along walls or hide separately to make it more difficult for the shooter.
- Try to communicate with police silently. Use text message or social media to tag your location, or put a sign in a window.
- Stay in place until law enforcement gives you the all clear.
- Your hiding place should be out of the shooter's view and provide protection if shots are fired in your direction.

FIGHT as an absolute last resort.

- Commit to your actions and act as aggressively as possible against the shooter.
- Recruit others to ambush the shooter with makeshift weapons like chairs, fire extinguishers, scissors, books, etc.
- Be prepared to cause severe or lethal injury to the shooter.
- Throw items and improvise weapons to distract and disarm the shooter.

Additional Resources:

- <http://www.dhs.gov/active-shooter-preparedness>
- <https://www.ready.gov/active-shooter>
- <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
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