

# Active Shooter Response

Do you know what you would do if there was an active shooter incident on campus? How would you respond? What you do may directly influence your outcome. In today's world, believing that it could never happen on our campus is unrealistic.

There are three basic actions you can take that may make the difference. You must decide quickly which is best for your individual situation.

## GET OUT

- If you are able to leave the area or building without placing yourself in danger, exit as quickly as possible.
- Leave quietly, keeping your hands visible when you exit.
- Never sound the fire alarm in a non-fire emergency situation.
- When you get to safety, CALL 911 and report the incident.

## HIDE OUT

- If it is safer to shelter in place, close, lock and barricade the door if possible.
- Turn out the lights, close any windows and blinds and **remain quiet**.
- Hide from view and take cover behind heavy items that may provide protection.
- Silence your phone, but leave it turned on to receive text alerts.
- CALL 911 if you can without compromising your location or safety.
- When the police arrive, keep your arms up, your hands visible and follow the officer's instructions.

## TAKE OUT

- If you are in an imminent life threatening situation, you may find it necessary to fight to save your life. This is a personal decision and it may not agree with your faith or other beliefs. You must decide if you are able and willing to take this step.
- If you choose to fight, overpower the subject with a group if possible.

- Utilize any objects available as a weapon, such as a chair, letter opener, scissors, fire extinguisher or even a laptop to strike or stab the subject.
- If it is possible to restrain the subject, hold and bind with tape, blind, computer or electrical cords.
- Escape or leave the area if possible.
- CALL 911 when you are safe and able.

For more information on this topic, please visit Homeland Security at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov).