

ACTIVE THREATS ON CAMPUS

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WHAT IS AN ACTIVE THREAT?

- A person whose activity is immediately causing death and serious injury
- Threat is not contained and there is immediate risk of death and injury



ACTIVE SHOOTER DEFINITION

- The United States Department of Homeland Security defines the active shooter as "an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearm[s] and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims"



PATHWAY TO VIOLENCE

- Increasingly erratic, unsafe, or aggressive behaviors
- Hostile feelings of injustice or perceived wrongdoing
- Marginalization or distancing from friends and colleagues
- Sudden and dramatic changes in home life or in personality
- Observable grievances and plans of retribution
- Fascination with weapons and violence
- Loss of empathy-objectifies and/or disrespects others

Adapted from Department of Homeland Security,
<https://www.dhs.gov/publication/pathway-violence-fact-sheet>



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COMMON PREDICTORS

- At least one other person knew something was up ----- 81%
- Odd behavior observed by others prior to event ----- 31%
- History of stalking and/or harassment ----- 19%
- Verbal and/or written threats ----- 13%
- Physically aggressive acts ----- 10%

Source: Campus Attacks: Targeted Violence Affecting Institutions of
Higher Education, April 2015

If you see or hear something, say something!



A SHOOTER'S MENTALITY

- Desire to kill or injure
- May have intended target(s), but willing to take any targets
- Desire to make history
- Seeks crowds looking for multiple targets, easy targets
- Usually has a plan



RUN, HIDE, FIGHT



RUN

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Keep your hands visible.
- Call 9-1-1 when you are safe



HIDE

- If unable to evacuate, your second option is to hide
- Lock the door and/or barricade the entry to your hiding place
- Silence your cell phone and remain quiet



FIGHT

- Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in immediate danger
- Act with as much physical aggression as possible
- Improvise weapons or throw items at the active shooter

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SURVIVING AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

WATCH:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzWR1qQU1EY>

Video by The Ohio State University Office of Public Safety



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POLICE RESPONSE

- Remain calm
- Do not attempt to help or move the wounded
- Do not try to grab or hold onto officers
- Keep your hands visible. Do not have a weapon in your hand!
- Follow all instructions from officers:
 - Be prepared to see officers in helmets and armor with various weapons
 - Commands will be yelled
 - Calm and orderly response to keep self and others safe



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