

CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROUDLY SERVING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA SARASOTA-MANATEE
AND NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

- Active Shooter
- How To Respond
- Emergency Response: 9-1-1
- Campus Police Department Direct Line: 941-487-4210



PROFILE OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

- An Active Shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. There is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.
- Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to victims.
- Active shooter situations are often over within 15-20 minutes. In rare cases they can go for longer and hostages may be taken to use as a bargaining chip by the shooter. Individuals must be prepared mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.



COPING WITH AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION

- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers.
- Take a mental note of the nearest two exits to any room or facility you enter.
- If you are in an office or classroom setting stay there and secure/barricade the door to deny the shooter entry.
- If you are in a hallway get into a room and secure/barricade the door immediately.
- As a last resort, attempt to take the active shooter down. When the shooter is at close range and you cannot flee, your chance of survival increases greatly if you try to incapacitate him/her.
- Call 911, when it's safe to do so!



EVACUATE

- Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life.
- If there is an accessible escape path; attempt to evacuate the premises.
- Always have an escape route and plan in mind.
- Leave your belongings behind. Help others escape, if possible.
- Keep your hands visible and follow the instructions of any oncoming police officers. Advise them of the shooter's last known location.



HIDE/BARRICADE

- If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the shooter is less likely to find you.
- Immediately lock the door. Barricade the door with heavy furniture.
- Silence your cell phone and turn off any other source of noise as well as lights. Silence is vital to staying out of the path of the shooter. Find large objects to hide behind.
- Remain calm. If possible, you can text 911 with your phone on silent to alert them of the situation and have



FIGHT

- As a last resort, only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt or take down the shooter.
- Act as aggressive as possible towards him/her.
- Use any nearby object as a weapon or start throwing items at them.
- Yelling as loud as possible can disrupt their focus.
- Rush the shooter and tackle them to the ground if they are close enough.



HOW TO RESPOND WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

- Law enforcement's purpose is to immediately stop the active shooter. Officers will proceed directly to the area in which the last shots were heard.
- Officers may wear regular patrol uniforms or external bulletproof vests, Kevlar helmets, and other tactical equipment. They may be armed with rifles, shotguns, and handguns.
- Officers may shout commands or push individuals to the ground for their safety.
- Remain calm and keep your hands visible and free of any objects. Follow the instructions of law enforcement for the safest way out.



FIRST ON SCENE

- The first officers on scene will not stop to help wounded. Their primary objective is the immediate incapacitation of the shooter to prevent further loss of life.
- Expect rescue teams comprised of medical personnel and additional officers to follow the initial officers. They may call upon able bodied individuals to assist in removing the wounded from the premises.
- Once you have reached a safe place or assembly point, you will likely be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control. You will likely be asked for witness statements and further information. Do not leave the safe location until law enforcement has given the okay to do so.



INFORMATION TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND 911 OPERATOR

- Location of the active shooter.
- Number of shooters if there is more than one.
- Physical description of the shooter(s).
- Number of and type of weapons used by the shooter(s).
- Number of potential victims at the location of the shooter(s).



EXAMPLE SCENARIO VIDEO

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0>

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