

RESPONDING TO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

RUN ----- HIDE ----- FIGHT

QUICKLY DETERMINE THE MOST REASONABLE WAY TO PROTECT YOUR OWN SAFETY.

STUDENTS AND VISITORS ARE LIKELY TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF FACULTY AND STAFF DURING AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION. ALWAYS FLEE FIRST AND HIDE SECOND WHEN POSSIBLE.



1. EVACUATE

- a. HAVE AN ESCAPE ROUTE AND PLAN IN MIND
- b. KEEP YOUR HANDS IN PLAIN SIGHT FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF RESPONDING POLICE

2. HIDE OUT

- a. HIDE IN AN AREA OUT OF THE SHOOTER'S VIEW
- b. LOCK THE DOORS - MOST CLASSROOMS AND LECTURE HALLS CAN BE LOCKED.
- c. ALL OFFICES AND RESIDENCE HALL ROOMS CAN BE LOCKED.
- d. BLOCKADE DOORS USING ANY HEAVY OBJECTS
- e. MOVE AWAY FROM WINDOWS AND PULL BLINDS AND SHADES

3. FIGHT BACK

- a. AS A LAST RESORT AND ONLY WHEN YOUR LIFE IS IN DANGER, ATTEMPT TO INCAPACITATE THE SHOOTER

CALL LAW ENFORCEMENT WHEN YOU SAFELY MAY DO SO.

AMHERST COLLEGE POLICE (413) 542-2111 OR EXT 2111

AMHERST POLICE (413) 259-3000 OR 9-1-1

MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE (413) 585-3000 OR 9-1-1

WHAT TO DO WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES:

- REMAIN CALM AND FOLLOW OFFICERS' INSTRUCTIONS
- IMMEDIATELY RAISE HANDS AND SPREAD FINGERS WIDE
- KEEP HANDS VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES
- AVOID MAKING SUDDEN MOVEMENTS TOWARDS POLICE OR GRABBING THEM
- DO NOT STOP OFFICERS TO ASK FOR ASSISTANCE OR DIRECTIONS IN EVACUATING; JUST PROCEED TO THE AREA FROM WHICH OFFICERS ARE ENTERING
- IF POSSIBLE PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH THE LOCATION, NUMBER, AND DESCRIPTION OF THE SHOOTERS

MAKE THE AMHERST COLLEGE POLICE A SPEED DIAL FUNCTION ON YOUR CELL PHONE.

SECONDS COUNT IN EMERGENCIES