

ACTIVE THREAT

Though the likelihood of an individual experiencing an active threat situation is low, the UNT community is not immune to this type of event. Because active threat situations are unpredictable and evolve rapidly—generally faster than law enforcement can arrive at the scene—individuals must be prepared to respond.

PREPARE

- Sign up for an active shooter training with the **UNT Police**.
- Identify multiple evacuation plans (including at least two different exits).
- Have an idea of where you would hide from an active threat.
- Determine what techniques and items you can use to take out a threat.

When faced with an active threat, be prepared to **Run, Hide, or Fight!** Though presented in this order, **Run, Hide, Fight** is NOT a sequential process and may be used in a different order depending on the characteristics of the situation.

RUN

Attempt to evacuate the premises if there is an accessible escape route.

- Evacuate even if others will NOT follow.
- Leave your belongings behind.
- Help others escape, if possible.
- Keep your hands visible when exiting the scene so that first responders know you are not the person creating the active threat.
- Follow all instructions from police officers once they arrive.
- Call **911** when you are safe and describe the shooter, location, and weapons.
- Prevent, as safely able, individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be.

HIDE

If escape is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you. Your hiding place should be out of the active threat's view, provide protection if shots are fired in your direction, and not trap you or restrict your movement. To prevent an active shooter from entering your hiding place:

- Lock the door.
- Blockade the door with heavy furniture.
- Silence your cell phone (including the vibrate function) and any other sources of noise - remain quiet.
- Hide behind large items (e.g., cabinets, desks, etc.).

- Try to communicate with the police silently – on the UNT campus and in Denton you can text 911 if you are able.

FIGHT

As a last resort, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active threat by:

- Acting as aggressively as possible against the threat.
- Throwing items and improvising weapons.
- Yelling.
- Committing to your actions – in dangerous situations if you must fight, remain assertive and aggressive.

WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

Keep hands empty and clearly visible with fingers spread when leaving the area of the active threat. Remain calm and follow officers' directions. Keep in mind the officers will be fighting through adrenaline and tunnel vision to stay focused, so they may yell and/or direct you to get down on the ground. Avoid any sudden movement that could lead officers to believe you are a threat.