

HOSTAGE SITUATION

IF SOMEONE ON CAMPUS IS TAKEN HOSTAGE:

1. Call **911**
2. Evacuate the area, if the hostage situation is happening onsite – isolate the hostage area
3. Communicate all known facts and provide all requested information about the area and the event to police
4. Follow instructions from first responders – do NOT attempt to communicate with the hostage or suspect or intervene in the situation unless given direct orders from law enforcement personnel

IF YOU ARE TAKEN HOSTAGE:

1. Remain calm
2. Follow instructions from your captor(s)
3. Be polite
4. Avoid political or ideological conversation with your captor(s)
5. Try to establish rapport and a good relationship with your captor(s)
6. Memorize characteristics and details about your captor(s) and their demands
7. If forced to deliver messages to authorities, communicate that the demands are from your captor and NOT from you

WHEN RESCUED

Cooperate with law enforcement personnel. Keep your hands visible—avoid sudden movements or hostility toward rescuers. Since the situation may be tense and confusing to the rescuers, you may be handcuffed or searched. Comply with all instructions.