HOW TO RESPOND
WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life. Students and staff members are likely to follow the lead of faculty and managers during an active shooter situation.

1. Evacuate
   - Have an escape route and plan in mind
   - Leave your belongings behind
   - Keep your hands visible

2. Hide Out
   - Hide in an area out of the active shooter's view
   - Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors

3. Take Action
   - As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
   - Attempt to incapacitate the active shooter
   - Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter

CALL 911 WHEN IT IS SAFE TO DO SO

HOW TO RESPOND WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES ON THE SCENE

1. How You Should React When Law Enforcement Arrives:
   - Remain calm, and follow officers' instructions
   - Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
   - Keep hands visible at all times
   - Avoid making quick movements toward officers such as attempting to hold on to them for safety
   - Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling
   - Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the premises

2. Information You Should Provide to Law Enforcement or 911 Operator:
   - Location of the active shooter
   - Number of shooters, if more than one
   - Physical description of shooters
   - Number and type of weapons held by the shooter(s)
   - Number of potential victims at the location

RECOGNIZING SIGNS OF POTENTIAL VIOLENCE IN AN ACADEMIC OR OFFICE ENVIRONMENT

An active shooter may be a current or former member of the University Community. Alert authorities if you believe a member of the University community exhibits potentially violent behavior. Indicators of potentially violent behavior may include one or more of the following:

- Increased use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs
- Unexplained increase in absenteeism, and/or vague physical complaints
- Depression / Withdrawal
- Increased severe mood swings, and noticeably unstable or emotional responses

Contact the Department of Public Safety for more information and training on Active Shooter Response at Howard University
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