

ACTIVE SHOOTER RESPONSE

Call 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY!

NWOSU utilizes the "**Run, Hide, Fight**", method endorsed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, for responding to an Active Shooter.

RUN

- If possible and safe to do so, the best option is to run and get to a safe place away from the threat.
- Take others with you if you can safely do so.
- Have a plan for escape and be aware of where the exits are in a room or building.
- Warn others you see about entering the building where the shooter is.
- Once you make it to a safe place, call 911.

HIDE

- If you cannot run to safety, the next best option is to hide.
- Close and lock doors, and barricade them if possible (i.e. chairs, desks).
- Avoid hiding in clusters or groups.
- Remain quiet and silence mobile devices.
- Remain in place until instructed to move by law enforcement.

FIGHT

- If you cannot run or hide from an attacker, then fight only as a last resort.
- Be aggressive and commit to your actions.
- If possible, use a group of people to overpower and disable the attacker.

- Use improvised weapons to disable the attacker (i.e. chairs, books, fire extinguishers).

Other things to consider

- BE PREPARED for contact with Law Enforcement upon exiting building.
- Keep hands in plain view
- REMEMBER: Active Shooter may attempt to exit the building, posing as a bystander.
- Obey all commands given by law enforcement or other emergency personnel

- Only consider window escape on the ground floor, or if there is absolutely no other option

If in a dorm room:

- LOCK DOOR, TURN OUT Lights, and SET CELL PHONE on Silent.
- LAY LOW! Remain Calm and Quiet.
- DO NOT ANSWER Door. Move Away from Doors and Windows.
- WAIT for the Police to Instruct You.

Bystanders should:

REPORT: Provide as much information as possible about the shooter, such as clothing description, types of weapons, exact location, physical description, etc.

LOCKDOWN: When lockdown commences, remain where you are. Follow the instructions of designated faculty and staff members.

ACTIVATE: When activated, the Campus Alert System (CAS) will provide information via text messages to your personal cell phone, if enrolled in the CAS.

ACT: Assigned staff in each building will do their jobs. EVERYONE (including you) has a job to do.

If Shooting Incident Is NOT In Your Building

Advise people in hallways of what is going on; try to get them to go inside a room; close and lock door; turn off lights, stay out of sight. Designated Staff are advised the following:

- If anyone refuses to enter an office or classroom, DO NOT ARGUE with them. Do not become a victim trying to get them to shelter.
- In an active shooter incident, the fire alarm going off does not necessarily mean to evacuate the building (the shooter may have activated the alarm to draw people into the open)
- STAY LOCKED DOWN until you receive the “all clear” message from law enforcement personnel.
- DO NOT STAY in the open.

REMEMBER: “RUN, HIDE, FIGHT”