

Holy Cross College

Safety Tips and Guidelines responding to an Active Shooter on Campus

An active shooter is a person who uses deadly force (usually with a firearm) in a populated area on campus. They tend to display no pattern or method for selection of their victims. These situations are very fluid and changing. It is impossible to anticipate exactly how the situation will evolve, or to provide absolute guidelines. Thinking through possible actions now may give you an important advantage that will improve your survival chances. Active shooter incidents can happen at any location where people gather and usually start quickly and without warning. Call 911 as soon as you can do so with relative safety.

You are in a hallway when shooting is heard

If you are very close to an accessible exit, escape. If possible, avoid running through a long hall to escape, as you may encounter a gunman or hostage taker. In general, the more distance you can put between yourself and the shooter, the better. Do not move toward the sound of gunfire to investigate and/or try to help. Get away from the area. Try to be a moving target until you are in a secure area. Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow. If evacuation is not possible, get into a room that is not already secure, and secure it.

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If there appears to be no possibility of escape or potential for negotiation, then consider attacking the shooter with as much aggression as possible, using improvised weapons, such as books, pencils, chairs, fists, and

The Emergency Response Team will disseminate information, as soon as possible as it becomes available to the campus community. This will be done through the Emergency Notification System (text and email announcements) and web posts.

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