

# DENISON

## Office of Security, Safety and Risk Management

### Hostile Intruder

#### Hostile Intruder/Hostile Person/Active Shooter Personal Safety Plan

##### **When you believe there is an active shooter in a building:**

Lock yourself in the room you are in

Barricade yourself in the room with furniture or anything you can push against the door. Lock the window and close blinds or curtains.

Stay away from windows.

Turn all lights and audio equipment off.

Try to stay calm and be as quiet as possible.

If communication is available, call 911.

Don't stay in the open hall.

Do not sound the fire alarm.

##### **If for some reason you are caught in an open area such as a hallway or lounge area, you must decide what action to take:**

You can try to hide, but make sure it is a well hidden space or you may be found as the intruder moves through the building looking for victims.

If you think you can safely make it out of the building by running, then do so. If you decide to run, do not run in a straight line. Keep any objects you can between you and the hostile person(s) while in the building. Use trees, vehicles or any other object to block you from view as you run. When away from the immediate area of danger, summon help any way you can and warn others.

If the person(s) is causing death or serious physical injury to others and you are unable to run or hide, you may choose to play dead if other victims are around you.

The last option you have if caught in an open area in the dorm, may be to fight back. This is dangerous, but depending on your situation, this could be your last option.

If you are caught by the intruder and are not going to fight back, follow their directions and don't look the intruder in the eyes.

Once the police arrive, obey all commands. This may involve your being handcuffed or made to put your hands in the air. This is done for safety reasons and once circumstances are evaluated by the police, they will give you further directions to follow.

***This advice cannot cover every possible situation that might occur.***

### **Warning Signs**

**It must be stressed that if you have had contact with ANY INDIVIDUALS who display the following tendencies, that you contact Campus Security & Safety, Student Affairs, Counseling Services or other college official in a timely manner:**

Threatens harm or talks about killing themselves, or other students, faculty or staff.

Becomes frustrated easily and converts frustration into uncontrollable physical violence and constantly starts or participates in fights.

Loses temper and self-control easily.

Assaults others constantly to include immediate family members.

Possesses weapons (firearms or edged weapons) or has a preoccupation with them.