

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

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## **Vision Statement**

Virginia Union University is a premier historically black institution of higher education, transforming the world one student at a time.

## **Attachment 7- Hostile Intruder(s) Emergency Action Plan**

When a hostile person(s) is actively causing deadly harm or the imminent threat of deadly harm within a building, we recommend that the following procedures are followed:

- Lock yourself in the room you are in at the time of the threatening activity.
- If a telephone is available, dial 911.
- Don't stay in open hall.
- Do not sound the fire alarm. A fire alarm would signal the occupants in the rooms to evacuate the building and thus place them in potential harm as they attempted to exit.
- Barricade yourself in the room with furniture or anything you can push against the door.
- Lock the window and close blinds and curtains.
- Stay away from windows.
- Turn all lights and audio equipment off.
- Try to stay calm and be as quiet as possible.
- If for some reason you are caught in an open area such as a hallway or lounge type area, you must decide what action to take.
  1. 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.
  2. 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. Once outside, don't run in a straight line. 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.
  3. 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.
  4. 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.
  5. 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.

6. 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 Emergency Action Plan cannot cover every possible situation that might occur.**

Nevertheless, it is a training tool that can reduce the number of injuries or death if put into action as soon as a situation develops. Time is a critical factor in the management of a situation of this manner.

**Warning Signs**

It must be stressed that if you have had contact with ANY INDIVIDUALS who display the following tendencies, that you contact the police, student affairs officials, a Psychological Services administrator or other university official in a timely manner:

- Threaten harm or talks about killing other students, faculty or staff.
- Constantly starts or participates in fights.
- Loses temper and self-control easily.
- Swears or uses vulgar language most of the time.
- Possesses or draws artwork that depicts graphic images of death or violence.
- Assaults others constantly to include immediate family members.
- Possesses weapons (firearms or edged weapons) or has a preoccupation with them.
- Becomes frustrated easily and converts frustration into uncontrollable physical violence.