

Armed Intruder (Shooter on Campus)

Profile & Characteristics of an Armed Intruder

An armed intruder is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area, typically through the use of firearms.

- › Victims are selected at random.
- › The event is unpredictable and evolves quickly.
- › Law enforcement is generally required to end the event.

What to do if an Armed Intruder is Announced in Your Vicinity

Run

- › Have an escape route and plan in mind.
- › Leave your belongings behind (except for your cell phone).
- › Keep your hands visible.

Hide

- › Try to hide out of the shooter's view.
- › Block entry to your hiding place, turn off lights and lock the doors.
- › Silence your cell phones and/or pagers.

Fight

- › As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger!
- › Make a plan with others in the room about what you will do if the shooter enters.
- › Attempt to incapacitate the armed intruder and do whatever is necessary to survive the situation.

When Law Enforcement Arrives

- › The priority of the first responders will be to identify the shooter. Law enforcement will need to ensure that you are not the shooter.
- › Do not scream, yell, point or wave your arms.
- › Do not hold anything in your hands that could be mistaken for a weapon (including cell phones).
- › Be quiet, cooperate and follow directions.
- › Show the officers your empty hands and follow their instructions.
- › When it is safe to do so, you will be given instructions as to how to safely exit your location.

If You're Outside when a Shooting Occurs

- › Drop to the ground immediately, face down as flat as possible. If within 15 to 20 feet of a safe place or cover, duck and run to it.
- › Move or crawl away from gunfire, trying to utilize any obstructions between you and the gunfire. Remember that many objects of cover may conceal you from sight, but may not be bulletproof.
- › When you reach a place of relative safety, stay down and do not move. Do not peek or raise your head in an effort to see what may be happening.
- › Wait and listen for directions from law enforcement personnel.

Educate Yourself in a Shooter Situation

Armed Intruder Training Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0>

Other videos on the subject can be found on the UNMC intranet Campus Security training video page: <http://info.unmc.edu/safety/campus-security/tips-training/training-videos.html>