



Community Safety Bulletin

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Please familiarize yourself with the responses below:

Active Shooter Response

In the event of an active shooter, it's critical to act quickly and follow the Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy:

1. AVOID

- If you can safely escape the area, do so immediately.
Once you are in a safe location, call 911 and provide as much information as possible.

2. DENY

- If escape is not possible, take action to deny the shooter access to your location:
 - o Lock and barricade doors using heavy furniture or other objects.
 - o Turn off lights and silence your phone.
 - o Hide behind solid objects and stay quiet.
Do not open the door until law enforcement gives the all-clear.

3. DEFEND

- As a last resort, if your life is in immediate danger, be prepared to defend yourself:
 - o Use improvised weapons (chairs, fire extinguishers, etc.).
Act with commitment and aggression—do whatever is necessary to survive.

Campus Lockdown Procedures

During an active shooter event, a campus lockdown will be initiated to limit the movement of the threat.

When instructed to lockdown:

1. Quickly secure all exterior doors to your building.
2. Check commonly used doors to ensure they are closed, not propped open and functioning correctly.
3. Electronic access control doors will automatically lock, and card access will be disabled.
4. Do not allow anyone to enter the building once lockdown has started.
5. If you are locked out, do not try to re-enter. Instead, look for the safest route off campus and contact authorities when possible.
Remain in lockdown until an official notification is received declaring it is safe to exit.

If you have questions or need additional safety resources, please contact the W Police Department at (662) 241-7777.

W-Alert Reminder: In the event that a situation arises, either on or off campus, that constitutes an ongoing or continuing threat, a campus wide “timely warning” will be issued. The warning will be issued through the University’s text messaging system called W-Alert to students, faculty and staff. Take a moment to ensure you are signed up for the W-Alert at www.muw.edu/police/preparedness/walerts/signup. Follow W Alerts on Twitter, @TheWAlert.