
Lycoming College Incident Response Advice

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Disclosure

The information contained in the presentation is not designed to scare, produce unforeseen paranoia, or cause undue worry for you, other students, faculty or staff of Lycoming College or your family.

The presentation today is designed to provide you with basic information and advice in response to a hostile event or active shooter.

Finally, it is incumbent upon you to take appropriate action and make decisions best for you based on the circumstances of the event.

Prevention and Deterrence

- Potential indicators, albeit not conclusive or “tell-all” may suggest a person is at emotional state and may be prone to commit a violent act.
 - As a member of this community be aware of significant, irrational, negative, or unstable, behavioral changes in a person.
 - As a member of this community be aware of “catalyst” events that could create anger, depression, or persecuted feelings in a person.
- If you are aware of any of the above affecting someone, refer to appropriate offices: Dean of Students, Human Resources, Safety and Security, Residential Life, Counseling Services, or Health Services.

Preparation ... Have a Plan

- Familiarize yourself with exits and entrances
- Notice the construction of doors and windows
- Imagine ... what if?
- Survey the building and rooms
- Take inventory of what is in the room
- Refresh yourself on what you know about incident response ... what if?

Run, Hide, Fight

In the event of an active shooter, it is incumbent upon you to take appropriate action and make decisions best for you based on the circumstances of the event. Lycoming College's advice in such an event is to *Run, Hide, Fight*.

The Run, Hide, Fight concept is becoming a standard practice for many schools, colleges, business and facilities.

By planning, remaining calm and thinking before acting, a person finding themselves in an active shooter situation can greatly increase their chances of survival.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0>

Considerations – Run, Hide, Fight

If presented with the opportunity to escape, DO SO -- RUN

- Know all escape routes and locations
- Leave regardless of what others do
- Prevent others from accessing the area
- DO NOT gather belongings
- Prepare for encountering law enforcement
 - Keep hands visible
 - Listen to all commands

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If escape is not a viable option, HIDE and BARRICADE

- Turn off lights, lock doors and barricade
- Stay out of active shooter view
- Silence phones and STAY QUIET
- Position yourself for the element of surprise
- Consider escape routes
- DO NOT let anyone in
 - No exceptions -- shooter could be outside
 - Police will conduct searching and clearing of locations

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If escape and shelter are not possible, and your life is in danger, FIGHT

- Sudden, aggressive and violent action
- Once engaged, remain engaged
- Throw objects at or use objects to strike or hit
- Yell, scream and be strong minded
- Group tackle or assault if possible

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<https://www.dhs.gov/video/options-consideration-active-shooter-preparedness-video>

Be Prepared and Plan to Survive!

RUN, HIDE, FIGHT

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