

Active Assailant Response

An active assailant is a person(s) who is actively killing or attempting to kill, in a single location at a given time. Understand, these situations may change on a minute's notice, such as type of weapon and location.

The only difference between an Active Shooter and Active Assailant is the weapon they are using, both are trying to cause great bodily harm or kill. Law Enforcement personnel will respond to both in the same manner.

Southeastern Louisiana University Police are trained in responding to an Active Assailant and have Mutual Aid Agreements with surrounding law enforcement agencies.

As a Student, Staff, Faculty, or visitor to our campus, we want you to be prepared and understand that in the unlikely event of an Active Assailant on campus you are ready to act. Southeastern Louisiana University instructs the RUN, HIDE, FIGHT strategy.

RUN:

- If you can safely leave, then do so.
- Get to a safe location away from danger.
- If in a building, leave your belongings. You can get them later as Police will release them once it's safe to return.
- Once at a safe location, call 911 and tell emergency services what you saw and give as many details as possible.
- Reach out to family/friends and let them know you are safe. This is so they don't worry or attempt to call the University to check, tying up important phone lines.

HIDE:

- If you cannot safely run, then you must take cover and hide.
- If in a classroom, lock the door.
- If you cannot lock the door, barricade it.
- Turn off the lights and be as quiet as possible.
- Call 911. Speak softly and let them know your location and what is happening. If you cannot speak, leave the phone line open.
- If you have the Lion Safe App, then use the text feature to relay information directly to the Police Dispatcher.
- Stay calm and don't open the door until a Police Officer instructs you to. Verify it is a police officer by either them being known to you or by calling dispatch to see if they are at your location.

FIGHT:

- If you cannot run or hide, then fight.
- This is a last resort, but fight as hard as you can.
- Use anything to distract or disable the assailant.
- Fight in large groups to overwhelm the assailant.
- Don't give up! YOUR life depends on it.

Any situation can cause panic or fear. Just the unknown will cause individuals to get tunnel vision (i.e. focusing on one thing). The body will go into fight or flight mode. One must be ready to react, as the situation will cause many unknowns.

It is possible that the building's fire alarms will be sounding; the fire suppression sprinklers may be going off; others will be running and screaming. You may encounter injured persons during your exit. Several things you must remember as you exit.

- Have your hands raised high or at a minimum visible to first responders.
- As hard as it may be, don't stop to help others.
- Listen to all commands given by responding law enforcement.
- Once safe, notify someone you are OK.

How will you know of an Active Assailant or Emergency Situation of Campus?

The University Police will send out an Emergency Notification to your registered email and call the listed phone number you have provided in LeoNet. As long as you have not opted out, you will receive a text along with the call and email.

Go to LeoNet and make sure all your information is correct and that you have not opted out of getting emergency texts.

The University will also send out a push notification on the Lion Safe App, giving you the emergency information. To sign-up for the Lion Safe app, visit the Apple or Google stores and download the app for free.

The University Police offers classes on Active Assailant throughout the year. Follow UPD on social media and through the Chief's Brief for dates, times, and locations.

You should always know what is going on around you. If something was to happen, always have a plan ready. With a plan, your mind will automatically react and you will be ready.

If you have any questions or want training on Active Assailant, call or email the University Police Department at police@selu.edu or call at 985-549-3835.

