

Active Intruder Information

WHAT IF IT HAPPENS HERE? We hope we never have to respond to an active intruder on campus, but it is our duty to be prepared. We offer Run, Lock, Fight training in coordination with Kalispell law enforcement, and we offer the following information about what to do if ever caught in one of these scenarios.

BE INFORMED. Sign up for [E2Alert](#), the campus emergency notification system. This system will send emails and/or texts regarding emergencies occurring on campus. Please be aware however that this may take several minutes after report to activate, and your immediate reaction may preclude this notification.

Always be aware of your surroundings and what is occurring around you. If something or someone looks or sounds suspicious, trust your instincts, remove yourself (even if it turns out to be nothing), and report it to the Campus Resource Officer at 756-4815 OR call 911.

In the event that you are faced with an active intruder situation:

RUN / ESCAPE, if possible

- Get far away and out of sight quickly. Get walls or other obstructions between you and the shooter as fast as possible.
- Don't stop at the parking lot or your car, keep going. Don't gather into large groups.

HIDE, if escape is not possible

- Silence your phone and keep others quiet. Do not attempt to video the incident, this puts you in more danger.
- Lock and block doors, turn off lights, and stay out of sight through windows. Do not open the doors once locked.
- Do not attempt to video or post on social media. This may give away your location and impact emergency responses.
- Stay in place until law enforcement gives you the all clear.

FIGHT, as a last resort

- Be as violent as possible, this could be a life or death situation.
- Use makeshift weapons (chairs, fire extinguishers, scissors, shelving) anything you can use to swing and smash.
- Band together, multiple assailants can overwhelm an armed suspect. Get control of the muzzle of the gun and point it in a safe direction.

CALL 911, if possible

- Be prepared with your location and a description of the suspect.
- Stay on the phone with the dispatcher, even if you can't talk. Place your phone on mute.

RESPONSE

- In Kalispell, multiple law enforcement agencies will respond to an emergency of this nature. You may see officers from Kalispell Police, Flathead County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement.
- The number one priority for responding law enforcement officers is to stop the attack, and they may have to pass you or others along the way.
- Officers will shout commands and may push people to the ground for their safety. Follow their instructions, keep hands visible, and do not argue.
- Officers may use a variety of weapons such as rifles, handguns, shotguns, pepper spray, or tear gas to control the situation, and victims may be affected.

AFTERWARDS

- Report in to emergency or campus personnel that you are safe and accounted for.
- Let your emergency contact know that you are safe.
- Don't discuss the incident with others until after law enforcement has your statement. Talking about it may affect your memory of the incident.
- Do not place it on social media. Social media provides the perpetrator and potential copycats attention and fame, which may spark more incidents.
- Seek professional services to aid with the lasting effects of physical/emotional trauma.

To learn even more about being prepared go to <https://www.ready.gov/active-shooter>