

EMERGENCY RESPONSE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Homeland Security and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Office of Campus Emergency Planning recommend the following three responses to any emergency on campus: **RUN > HIDE > FIGHT**

Only follow these actions if safe to do so. When in doubt, follow your instincts—you are your own best advocate!

RUN

Action taken to leave an area for personal safety.

- Take the time now to learn the different ways to leave your building **before** there is an emergency.
- Evacuations are mandatory for fire alarms and when directed by authorities. **No exceptions!**
- Evacuate immediately. Pull manual fire alarm to prompt a response for others to evacuate.
- Take critical personal items only (keys, purse, and outerwear) and close doors behind you.
- Assist those who need help, but carefully consider whether you may put yourself at risk.
- Look for **EXIT** signs indicating potential egress/escape routes.
- If you are not able to evacuate, go to an Area of Rescue Assistance.
- Evacuate to Evacuation Assembly Area and remain until additional instructions are given.
- Alert authorities to those who may need assistance.
- Do not re-enter building until informed by emergency response personnel that it is safe to return.

ACTIVE THREAT:

- If it is safe to do so run out of the building. Get as far away as possible. Do not go to the Evacuation Assembly Area.
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HIDE

Action taken to seek immediate shelter indoors when emergency conditions do not warrant or allow evacuation, such as for severe weather.

- Take the time now to learn the different ways to seek shelter within your building **before** there is an emergency.
- If you are outside, proceed to the nearest protective building.
- If sheltering-in-place due to severe weather, proceed to the identified Storm Refuge Area or to the lowest, most interior area of the building away from windows or hazardous equipment or materials.

ACTIVE THREAT:

- Lock or barricade your area.
 - Get to a place where the threat cannot see you.
 - Place cell phones on **silent**.
 - Do not make any noise.
 - Do not come out until you receive an Illini-Alert advising you it is safe.
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FIGHT

Action taken as a last resort to increase your odds for survival.

ACTIVE THREAT:

- If you cannot run away safely or cannot hide, **be prepared to fight with anything available to increase your odds for survival.**
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