

Siren Alert Procedure

The State University of New York mandate 5606 requires an external warning system for the college community. A siren has been installed to alert the community in times of an emergency. The siren will be used to warn individuals in outside locations that an emergency situation is occurring. Additionally, the College has identified EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION COORDINATORS in each building so that there is a single person to contact in each building in an emergency situation.

Siren Tones

TEST TONE: The tone is a burst and last for **six (6) seconds** and will be tested every **Sunday at NOON**.

ALERT OF AN EMERGENCY: The tone is an up and down sound (modulating) **lasting sixty (180) seconds (3) minutes**. In the event you hear this tone, take immediate refuge in **a building or vehicle**. Additional means of communications will be activated including NY ALERT, mass email and voice mail, web page information, an emergency alert system audible alert on WUOW 104.7, cable channel 23, or click on SUNY Oneonta web page WUOW live stream. Additionally, University police will be communicating directly with each Emergency Communications Coordinator, custodian, grounds, trades, telecommunications personnel, and other personnel who carry portable radios on campus. You should seek out these individuals or the electronic means of communications and respond as directed.

A Shelter-in-Place procedure may be initiated. Therefore you will have **sixty (60) seconds (1) minute** to seek refuge in a building after the siren stops. This means the external doors on **ALL** buildings will be secured and your card access system **WILL NOT WORK!**

ALL CLEAR: This tone is a solid tone lasting thirty (30) seconds and will be sounded when the situation has been resolved.

HOW TO RESPOND WHEN AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY

QUICKLY DETERMINE THE MOST REASONABLE WAY TO PROTECT YOUR OWN LIFE. CUSTOMERS AND CLIENTS ARE LIKELY TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF EMPLOYEES AND MANAGERS DURING AN ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATION.

1. EVACUATE

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Keep your hands visible

2. HIDE OUT

- Hide in an area out of the active shooter's view.
- Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors

3. TAKE ACTION

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger.
- Attempt to incapacitate the active shooter
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the active shooter

Call **911** when safe to do so

HOW TO RESPOND WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES ON THE SCENE

1. HOW YOU SHOULD REACT WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES:

- Remain calm, and follow officers' instructions
- Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Avoid making quick movements toward officers such as attempting to hold on to them for safety
- Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling
- Do not stop to ask officers for help or direction when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the premises

2. INFORMATION YOU SHOULD PROVIDE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR **911** OPERATOR:

- Location of the active shooter
- Number of shooters, if more than one
- Physical description of shooter/s
- Number and type of weapons held by the shooter/s
- Number of potential victims at the location

COPING with an Active Shooter Situation

- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit
- If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door
- Attempt to take the active shooter down as a last resort

PROFILE of an Active Shooter

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area, typically through the use of firearms.

CHARACTERISTICS of an Active Shooter Situation

- Victims are selected at random
- The event is unpredictable and evolves quickly
- Law Enforcement is usually required to end an active shooter situation

**University
Police**

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Emergencies: 911

