



TITLE OF POLICY

Hostile Intruder Policy and Procedures for Clinical Sites

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

To document the procedures at clinical sites in the event there is a hostile intruder. The policies and procedures apply to all students, faculty, and staff.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND REVIEW CYCLE

The Education Committee will review the policy in even-number years or when procedures change at clinical sites. The Vice Chancellor of Safety and Risk Management will also review the policy.

LCME REFERENCE(S)

LCME 5.7: Security, Student Safety, and Disaster Preparedness

HISTORY OF APPROVALS AND UPDATES

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DEFINITION(S):

A hostile intruder is any individual actively engaged in harming or attempting to harm people in a confined space and populated area. In most cases, active shooters use firearms, and there is no pattern or method to their victim selection.

POLICY

The UNC School of Medicine follows hostile intruder protocols established at each of its clinical sites and branch campuses. Protocols at each site and branch campus are developed in collaboration with their security teams. Students are informed of the policy through multiple mechanisms, including:

- Class meetings and e-mail correspondence
- Phase, Course, and Block Orientations;
- Learning management system sites for courses and blocks;
- The website for the School of Medicine; and
- Drills at clinical sites.

Specific procedures for the following sites are included and linked within this policy:

- [UNC-Chapel Hill Campus](#)
- [UNC Healthcare \(applies to UNC Hospitals, WakeBrook Mental Health Facility, and Physician Network sites \)](#)
- [Asheville: Mountain Area Health Education Community \(MAHEC\)](#)



- [Butner: Central Regional Hospital](#)
- [Charlotte: Atrium Health](#)
- [Greensboro: Moses Cone Health](#)
- [Raleigh: WakeMed Health](#)
- [Wilmington: New Hanover Regional Medical Center](#)

PROCEDURE(S):

UNC-CHAPEL HILL CAMPUS PROTOCOL FOR HOSTILE INTRUDER

Campus Security (police.unc.edu/carolinasafe) has developed the following protocol that students are advised to follow. The UNC School of Medicine has locks on all classrooms and auditoriums to support the campus protocol.

In a situation in which someone intends to do harm, assess the situation and make a decision.

Unfortunately, there may not be a clear “right” answer. However, your circumstances may make one of these actions the only viable option to protect yourself.

- **RUN:** Have an escape route and plan in mind, leave your belongings behind, keep your hands visible, exit the building as quickly and safely as possible, distancing yourself from the threat, and follow law enforcement’s direction.
- **HIDE:** If you cannot safely evacuate your building or are unsure of the location of the threat, secure your room, classroom or office, creating as many barriers between you and the threat. If you are caught outside, seek shelter inside the nearest building, and secure an interior space. Take the following actions: Lock or secure doors, turn off lights, move into concealed areas of the room away from doors and windows, silence your mobile devices and/or pagers, and remain calm and quiet.
- **FIGHT:** Use this as a last resort if your life is in imminent danger. If there are no other options to safely escape and you are confronted by the intruder, attempt to disrupt or incapacitate the intruder using all available resources (e.g., acting aggressively, yelling, throwing items, improvising weapons).

If you need to exit the building in an emergency:

- Seek cover behind buildings, cars and other solid structures.
- Go as far away as possible while still staying safe.



UNC HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

(includes UNC Hospitals and also applies to WakeBrook Mental Health Facility and Physician Network sites)

An Active Shooter response will be initiated upon reports of shots being fired or a weapon being displayed by a non-law enforcement officer in or near UNC Medical Center. An overhead announcement will be made indicating that an active shooter situation is taking place and instructing all personnel to shelter in place.

Staff Action and Responsibilities

Following an Active Shooter announcement, if staff see or hear shots being fired or see a non-law enforcement officer displaying a firearm, the following actions should be taken:

If you are not involved in direct patient care:

- Lock yourself in the nearest office, conference room, restroom, closet, or other securable area
- Cover the windows
- Move patients, visitors, and staff out of waiting rooms or other open areas, if possible
- Keep quiet and act as if no one is in the room
- DO NOT answer the door
- Immediately call 911 and provide the following information
 - Your name
 - Your location (be specific as possible)
 - Number of shooters
 - Description of shooters
 - Description of weapons involved
 - Number of persons with you and any injuries
- If you see patients, visitors, or staff in the front concourse or open area they should immediately be directed to nearest safe zone.
- Do not leave your location until an “All Clear” announcement has been made.

If you are directly involved with patient care the following actions should be taken:

- If possible, close and barricade the doors to the unit
- Close all patient room doors
- Try to move all ambulatory patients and visitors to a secured area of the unit or clinic
- Keep as quiet as possible
- Notify UNC Hospital Police via 911 and provide the following information:
 - Your name
 - Your location (be specific as possible)
 - Number of shooters
 - Description of shooters



- Description of weapons involved
- Number of persons with you and any injuries
- **Do not leave your location until an “All Clear” announcement has been made.**

If you are escorting or transporting a patient for treatment, the following action should be taken:

- Remain calm
- Immediately evacuate the patient to the nearest in-patient area
- If no in-patient area is nearby, evacuate the patient to a safe area, and immediately call Hospital Police Dispatch to notify them of your location and the condition of your patient.
- **Do not leave your location until an “All Clear” has been announced and your patient is medically fit for transport.**

Recovery

As the threat is isolated and/or neutralized, cleared parts of the facility will be released from Shelter in Place in a phased manner at the discretion of the Incident Commander.



ASHEVILLE: MOUNTAIN AREA HEALTH EDUCATION COMMUNITY (MAHEC)

A hostile intruder is any individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined space and populated area. In most cases, hostile intruders are active shooters that use firearms, and there is no pattern or method to their victim selection. Because active shooter situations are over within 10 to 15 minutes, before law enforcement arrives at the scene, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.

Notification and Reports:

- Any MAHEC employee, contract employee, or anyone doing business on behalf of MAHEC who witnesses the threat of, or an act of, violence on MAHEC property should immediately report it to local law enforcement by dialing 911 or the local police agency if it exists.
- Whenever possible, MAHEC Facilities Management should also be notified at 828-257-4411. Facilities Management will coordinate with local law enforcement, MAHEC Administration, including Risk Management, and in coordination with Administration will notify employees, patients, and visitors at each MAHEC office. Notification will include notice by phone, email, social media, websites, fire alarms, and personnel notifications.

Guidelines for Responding to an Active Shooter:

Since active shooter situations develop quickly and provide little to no warning, it is difficult to prepare for them, but developing a plan and practicing it can make a difference in saving lives until law enforcement arrives.

- **EVACUATE:** The best option is to flee the premises and remove yourself from the shooter's path. Unfortunately, this is not always a viable option as escaping could put you in greater danger if it brings you closer to the shooter. There are a few precautions you should take if, after assessing the situation, you determine you can safely evacuate. You should:
 - Call 911 if you can do so safely.
 - Warn any individuals you encounter to not enter the area.
 - Leave your personal belongings behind.
 - Have your escape route planned in your mind.
 - Resist the urge to move or evacuate wounded people.
 - If possible, assist other able-bodied people in fleeing.
 - Comply with all law enforcement requests.
 - Keep your hands visible and your fingers spread.
- **HIDE:** If you are unable to evacuate the path of an active shooter, your next best option is to hide, avoid detection, and wait for law enforcement to arrive. While hiding is not as effective as evacuation, it can usually keep you safe long enough until law enforcement to arrive. Hiding can be dangerous though, as it can leave you trapped if the shooter were to discover your location. To ensure your hiding spot is as safe as possible, please consider the following recommendations:
 - Remain silent and still.



- Silence your phone and other electronic devices.
 - If possible, lock the door to whatever room or closet you are hiding in. Do not unlock the door for anyone at any time. Tell the police that you will wait for them to retrieve a key to the room.
 - Blockade the door with heavy furniture.
 - Make sure you remain out of sight of the shooter's view.
 - Stay away from any windows.
 - If the windows are equipped with any curtains, close them.
 - Remain low and attempt to find cover under furniture and other objects.
 - Do not leave your hiding place until you are absolutely certain law enforcement has arrived.
- FIGHT BACK: Occasionally, in active shooter situations, evacuations and hiding are not available options, and you may find yourself face-to-face with the shooter. If you find yourself in this situation, your only remaining option is to take physical action against the shooter in hopes of incapacitating them or disarming them. This should be considered an extreme last resort, but, if you decide attacking the shooter is your only option, consider the following strategies:
 - Act quickly; hesitation could get you killed.
 - Throw items to distract, disorient, or disarm the shooter.
 - Yell and wave your arms to startle the shooter.

Working with Emergency Responders:

- What to report to 911 or First Responders: Active shooter situations are extremely frantic and are often over quickly. Cooperating with law enforcement and emergency response personnel can prove critical in stopping the perpetrator and saving lives. If you are able to safely call 911, or if you safely evacuate and make contact with first responders, the information you provide is extremely important. Do your best to provide the following information:
 - The number of shooters.
 - Location of shooter(s).
 - The number of potential victims.
 - Physical description of the shooter(s), including gender, clothing, height, weight, hair color, etc.
 - The amount and types of weapons used by the perpetrator(s).
- When law enforcement arrives:
 - Remain calm and follow instructions.
 - Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
 - Raise hands and spread fingers.
 - Keep hands visible at all times.
 - Avoid quick movements toward officers such as holding on to them for safety.
 - Avoid pointing, screaming, or yelling.
 - Do not stop to ask officer for help or direction when evacuating.



BUTNER: CENTRAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to coordinate and provide guidelines for the implementation of an Active Intruder preparedness and response procedure for Central Regional Hospital (CRH).

Policy: It is the policy of Central Regional Hospital to provide a safe workplace for employees, patients, and visitors. In order to preserve life in the event that an active intruder threatens or appears to be actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people at CRH, the following guidelines have been established to maximize survivability.

Definitions:

- **Active Intruder:** A person who appears to be actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill in or at CRH. In most cases, active intruders use a firearm(s) and display no pattern or method for selection of their victims. In some cases, the assailant will use other weapons and/or improvised explosive devices to cause additional harm or to impede police and emergency responders.
- **Concerning Behavior:** Behaviors observed which could raise a concern of violence. Examples of these behaviors are, but not limited to: paranoid ideas, delusional statements, changes in personality or performance, disciplinary problems on-site, depressed mood, suicidal ideation, non-specific threats of violence, increased isolation, “odd” or “bizarre” behavior, and interest in or acquisition of weapons.
- **Threat:** The expression of intent to cause physical or mental distress or harm. An expression constitutes a threat without regard to whether the party communicating the threat has the present ability to carry it out and without regard to whether the expression is contingent, conditional, or future

Background: Active intruder incidents usually develop rapidly and are very dynamic in nature. In many cases the incident terminates before all the information becomes clear, often forcing people to make decisions without having all the information needed to make a fully informed decision. Below is some guidance on how to respond to an active intruder incident.

Threat Assessment: It is the responsibility of each CRH employee to be alert to the possibility of violence and to report any Concerning Behaviors (see Definitions) to their supervisor or CRH Human Resources. See the CRH Workplace Violence Prevention Policy for additional information.

Procedures:

- **Immediate Response to an Incident:** First and foremost, maintaining personal safety should be the primary consideration when dealing with an active intruder situation. The procedures noted below are to be used as reference and should be considered in the context of the specific situation facing the employee.
- **Notifying Others and Maintaining Personal Safety:**



- All staff, upon witnessing/learning of an active intruder incident, should determine if they should RUN-HIDE-FIGHT. Staff may decide to use any combination of RUN-HIDE-FIGHT depending on the situation.
- If a staff person is in the presence of and caring for patients, then the staff person should decide the best RUN-HIDE-FIGHT option for themselves and their patients.
- When safe and possible, staff will call 55 (from a CRH phone) and report the incident. In the event the 55 call does not connect or if the staff person is using a non-CRH phone, dial 911 to report the incident.
- Active intruder incidents can be extremely fluid, with the intruder's location moving throughout the event. Staff should do their best to keep the switchboard (dialing 55) or the police (dialing 911) informed of the intruder's location so that staff can be warned of a moving threat via overhead page and the responding officers will have the most accurate information available to help them neutralize the threat.
- The hospital operator/SAU staff member, upon witnessing/learning of an active intruder incident, will immediately make the following announcement three times:

"Security Incident – Active Intruder – (building or area)"

The announcement will be repeated every five minutes until the incident is over and may change if there is a change in the intruder's location (if it is safe/feasible for the announcer to do so).
- After the initial announcement, the hospital operator/SAU staff will then dial 911, report the incident, and provide available information that will include, but not necessarily be limited to:
 - Number and description of intruder(s)
 - Location of intruder(s), multiple calls to report any location changes
 - Description of weapon(s)
 - Number of victims
- **RUN** Guidance
 - Have an escape route and plan in mind.
 - Leave your belongings behind.
 - Keep your hands visible.
 - Evacuate quickly and quietly, as not to attract the attention of the intruder.
 - If it is possible, help others while escaping, but do not allow it to slow you down.
- **HIDE** Guidance
 - Hide in an area out of the active intruder's view.



- Lock/barricade the door and turn out lights if possible.
 - Block entry to your hiding place and lock the doors.
 - Remain quiet and remember to silent cell/VOIP phones and pagers.
 - Identify possible weapons to FIGHT the intruder if necessary.
- **FIGHT** Guidance
 - As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger.
 - Attempt to incapacitate the active intruder utilizing any means necessary.

Interactions with Butner Public Safety/Law Enforcement: Law enforcements primary purpose is to engage and stop the active intruder. They will be carrying weapons and not be stopping to assist victims. Follow the general rules below when encountering Butner Public Safety or another law enforcement officer.

- Do exactly as you are told, comply without objection.
- Empty and raise your hands and avoid rushing towards the officers.
- Remain quiet and calm. Avoid shouting, pointing, screaming, or yelling.
- Don't stop and ask the officers for directions or evacuation points.
- If the officers keep moving, proceed in the direction from which they came until you are safely out of harm's way.
- Fully cooperate with BPS/Law enforcement.

All Clear:

- Once Butner Public Safety has neutralized the intruder and all threats to safety have been removed, hospital leadership will instruct the switchboard to give an "All Clear", overhead page.

Actions after the active intruder threat has been neutralized:

- Provide lifesaving care to the injured.
- Establish CRH Incident Management Team and Hospital Command Center (HCC).
- Account for all patients, staff, and visitors. Supervisors should complete a Ward/Area Status Report (ICS-209) form and fax/deliver to the CRH HCC. This form can be found on the Safety & Health Home Page, at the following location: Staff Portal/ Departments/ Safety & Health. This form can also be found in fire extinguisher cabinets throughout the hospital.

CRH HCC Post Incident Actions

- Manage requests for information and the media through the DHHS Communications Office.
- Ensure an incident debriefing is conducted



- Assess the need for psychological support for patients and staff and their families.
- Ensure the Safety Officer documents the incident using Attachment A, submits copy to the DHHS Safety Programs Office, and maintains a record on file.

Training and Exercises:

- Active Intruder training will be conducted annually with the Annual Safety Training for all staff.
- An Active Intruder exercise will be conducted annually using the DHS Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program as a guide.
- The Safety Officer will document the exercise using Attachment B. The documentation will be submitted to the DHHS Safety Programs Office and maintained on file.



CHARLOTTE: ATRIUM HEALTH

Policy statement:

- Atrium Health will provide a responsible and appropriate response in the event of an incident involving an ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER in an Atrium Health facility or on an Atrium Health property.
- The purpose of this procedure is to outline the direction and authority for all facility/service line/business unit response operations during an ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER event.
- Each facility/service line/business unit is responsible for managing their procedure for preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery to an ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER event as part of their Emergency Operations Plan.
- This document applies to Atrium Health.

Policy:

This is a three-step process to prevent or reduce loss of life in an ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER event:

1. ESCAPE: Immediately evacuate the area, run from immediate danger/threat. When safe to do so call 911 immediately. When safe to do so call, security communications at 704-355-3333.
2. HIDE: Seek a secure place where you can hide and/or deny the attacker access.
3. SURVIVE: Where your life or the lives of others are at risk, you may make the personal decision to try to incapacitate the attacker to survive.

Preparation:

- Know the location of exit routes (Horizontal and Vertical) and potential safe areas in your work environment.
- Ensure that all exit-access corridors remain cleared of all obstructions (beds, gurneys, equipment, etc.).
- Identify and report any threatening comments and/or behavior. Notify appropriate authorities immediately of suspicious activity or the presence of weapons.
- All teammates shall participate in required trainings, drills, and emergency response activities.

Roles And Responsibilities: "Escape, Hide, Survive."



Medical Office Buildings/Practices:

- Follow CHS EM “ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER” Procedure.
- The action of escaping may need to be evacuation of the building. Once evacuated the planned meeting point may not be an option nor just evacuation in close proximity of the building. Continue to put as much distance as needed from the building and your position to be safe.

Atrium Health: Follow Armed Assailant/Active Shooter

Facility/Service Line/Business Unit:

- The facility will maintain department response procedures.
- The facility Emergency Management Committee or designated leader is responsible for managing their procedure for preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery to an ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER as part of their Emergency Operations Plan.
- Each department should consider the identification of potential “safe areas” to provide shelter for those who are unable to evacuate the immediate area in the event of an ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER incident.
- Education regarding the internal ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER procedure will be provided to the facility team members at least annually or as necessary.
- The response to an ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER should include recovery efforts until the facility operations are back to normal, this includes making the Employee Assistance Program available as needed.
- The facility Emergency Management Committee shall conduct an After-Action
- Review and identify areas of improvement to carry out and monitor.
- Facilities in which overhead announcements are possible, the mechanism for doing so should be maintained and teammates trained on how to access.

Emergency Communications/Operators:

- Conducts emergency communications per procedure and needed during an ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER Event utilizing Emergency notification system and overhead paging.

Department Leaders:

- Maintain emergency procedures and implement the response when necessary.
- Educate unit teammates regarding their role in an ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER response upon onboarding, annually, and as necessary.

Administrator on Call/Administrative Supervisor:

- Prior to the activation of the Incident Command, oversees the response and recovery of the event.
- Authorizes and directs horizontal and, when necessary, vertical evacuation of patients/residents and teammates from affected areas.
- Activates the Incident Command, based upon the situation.



Public Information Officer:

- The Public Information Officer on call will direct any public statements or communications to the media.

Security

- Will gather all information relevant to the situation and notify the proper authorities of the incident to include location, number of persons involved, type of weapon, number of injured, etc.
- Isolate the location as much as possible (restrict access; lock doors, close stairwells etc. by whatever means possible) and assist others in getting to safety.
- Coordinate arrival of first responders to locate threat and evacuate / treat injured.
- Will liaise with responding Law Enforcement Officers as required.
- Will manage the access and flow of teammates, patients, and visitor movement.
- Will manage pedestrian and vehicular traffic as necessary.
- Documents incident appropriately and preserves evidence for law enforcement.
- Provides representation, education, and preparedness to teammates.

Safety/Environment of Care

- Safety will manage the physical environment to reduce the risk of barriers to evacuation.
- Conducts risk assessments of the physical environment and risk assessments in conjunction with security as needed to mitigate against obstructions or barriers to evacuation, cover, and/or concealment.

Emergency Management

- Maintains the ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER Policy, Procedures, and supporting documentation.
- Supports the facilities/service lines/business units during an ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER Response through Incident Command as needed.
- Supports emergency communication to internal/external partners for the facility(s).
- Plans and mitigates to reduce the impact of an Active Shooter.
- Provides After Action Evaluation of ARMED ASSAILANT OR ACTIVE SHOOTER events and improvement plans as necessary.



GREENSBORO: MOSES CONE HEALTH

PURPOSE:

Cone Health is committed to providing a safe and secure workplace and an environment free from physical violence, threatening or harassing behavior. Situations may arise which may threaten the health systems workplace and environment, such as a hostile actor (gunman) or a hostage situation. This Operational Response Guide will provide guidance should these specific situations occur.

DEFINITION:

An Active Shooter is an individual threatening or actively using a firearm, knife or other deadly object with the intent to do bodily harm to Cone Health staff, patients, or visitors. In most cases, an active shooter uses a firearm(s) without pattern or method to select victims. Due to the rapid evolution of these events, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation on their own.

PROCEDURE:

Communication

All Staff: In the event staff members encounter an active shooter situation, they should:

- Immediately attempt to call:
 - 911-Local law enforcement
- If possible and applicable, call:
 - PBX Operator
 - Security
- Staff member should not attempt to deal with the situation on their own.

PBX Operators:

- Upon notification, the switchboard will immediately announce overhead and repeat three times:

-Attention- All Personnel. Active Shooter Response (state location if known) is In Effect. Please Secure Your Areas and Await Further Instructions.

- PBX Operators will ensure that campus Security and SRC have been notified after paging overhead
- Operators may only announce an all clear at the direction of the AC, AoC, Security Leadership, Safety, or Emergency Management. To announce an all clear, the operator will announce overhead and repeat three times:

-Active Shooter All Clear-

Protective Actions

Upon overhead announcement/notification of a Hostile Actor:

1. **Evacuation (RUN):** All staff, patients, and visitors that can safely do so should immediately exit the building via the nearest outside exit. Persons exiting the building should meet at a designated rally/meeting point other than parking lots due to the potential for secondary hazards. Ideally rally points should be outside the police perimeter.



2. **Shelter in Place (HIDE):** If evacuation is not possible, staff that remains will secure their areas by:
 - Move patients so they are out of view of any windows, to include door windows.
 - Secure the largest area possible by closing and locking all doors, and turn off all lights.
 - If possible, barricade doors using equipment or carts.
 - Perform a head count and account for all staff, patients and visitors.
 - Be aware that it is a common tactic to cause confusion by activating the fire alarms during a hostile actor situation. Staff should plan to defend-in-place if they suspect a fire is genuine.
 - If possible, alert the Security Department or law enforcement (911) to any suspicious activity in the area.
 - Staff should remain in a secured area until law enforcement arrives to rescue or evacuate.

3. **Take Action (FIGHT):** As an absolute last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger attempt to incapacitate the shooter. Commit to your actions and:
 - Act aggressively as possible against him/her
 - Throw items and improvise weapons

When Law Enforcement Arrives

Law Enforcement's purpose is to stop the active gunman as soon as possible. Officers will proceed directly to the area in which the shots were last fired. Upon their arrival:

- Remain calm and follow officer's instructions.
- Put down any items in your hands.
- Immediately raise hands and spread fingers.
- Keep hands visible at all times.
- Avoid making quick movements towards officers.
- Avoid pointing, screaming and/or yelling.
- Do not stop and ask officers for help or direction when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which the officers are entering the hospital.

Have staff ensure that their assigned waiting areas are evacuated to a safe area (interior rooms/halls away from doors and windows).

Hospital Incident Command System

- If safe to do so, a Command Center may be opened in the affected hospital executive conference room or at an ad hoc location at the decision of Leadership and Emergency Management with consultation of Law Enforcement.
- Cone Health will secure or send a liaison officer to work with local law enforcement to coordinate HICS.

Escalation for Affected Facilities

Refer to Code Triage Policy and Evacuation Policy

After "ALL CLEAR"

- Return patients to previous assigned rooms, if safe to do so.
- Report any and all damage to SRC and to the Command Center.



RALEIGH: WAKE MED HEALTH

Department Pre-event Planning

An active shooting situation is a low portability, high impact event. It can happen very quickly, at any time, and at either the workplace and/or other public places. When you are in your workplace, management should work with staff to talk through the options should such an event happen in your department.

When you have a plan, you immediately react. In your role, you are both a survivor and a protector. A rapid response may save your life and the life of others. Know the persons in your area that may have special needs or a disability and will need assistance in such a situation.

Listed below are basic planning components.

In addition, Review the Environment of Care Continual Readiness Guide - Situational Awareness and the Continual Readiness Evacuation Guide.

Awareness - Preparedness - Rehearsal

Awareness

- Take the time to gain an understanding of an active shooter event.
- Know the work environment.
- Recognize and when there is a threat. It may be subtle or it may be obvious. Accept what you see and hear. Gunshots may not sound familiar to you.

Preparedness

- Develop a survival and survivor mindset. Become a stakeholder in your personal safety and security.
- Look at the environment through a survivor's mindset.
- Consider what you would do should an active shooter show up in your department.
- Develop a "what if" way of thinking.

Rehearsal

- Think about it and talk through with your co-workers what you would do if an active shooter should enter your department
- Note: All drills will be coordinated through Campus Police and the Emergency Service Institute. Table top drills may be conducted in departments.



- Functional drills should never be conducted in a department providing patient services.

Run- Hide – Fight

Run

- Know all the potential exits from the area.
- Walk different exits on a regular basis, including taking stairwells.

Hide

- Identify the areas where you could hide in your area. It needs to be a secure room.
- Identify which doors in the area have locks.
- Identify what you could use to barricade doors.
- Identify what you could hide behind in the room.
- Identify if there are windows in the rooms and what can provide coverage, e.g. blinds or curtains.

Fight

- As a last resort and only when your life is in immediate danger, should you try to stop the active shooter.
- Know the location of the fire extinguishers. Discharging a fire extinguisher onto the active shooter is a great weapon.
- Identify items in the area that can be thrown at the shooter.



WILMINGTON: NEW HANOVER REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Problem/Description: An Active Shooter is defined as an individual actively engaged, with a gun, threatening or attempting to kill persons in a confined and populated area

Authorized to Call: Any employee or visitor

Authorized to Cancel: Hospital Police and Incident Commander

What You Will Hear or See:

- Overhead: Security Alert + Active Shooter + [LOCATION] + All persons should move away from that location if it is safe to do so. If it is not safe to move away, shelter in place immediately
- Text Page: Security Alert + ESCAPE - HIDE - SURVIVE + Active Shooter + [LOCATION]

Expected Response from Staff:

- ESCAPE from the immediate threat
- HIDE from the threat
- SURVIVE if your life is threatened and you have no escape

Emergency Management Education: The Emergency Management department offers a monthly education series with topics that include an Active Shooter Education Video (that features NHRMC location and staff). This video is also shown during New Employee Orientation.

“Red Ball” Drills: NHRMC performs periodic “red ball” drills to engage employees in training scenarios of active shooter incidents.