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## of Health Professions

## Safety Tips

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### Active Shooter Policy

If you are involved in a situation where someone has entered the area and started shooting, stay alert to your surroundings and decide whether to run, hide, or take action. Your primary goal is to put as much time and distance between you and the attacker as possible. The following actions are recommended:

#### Run/Evacuate

1. If there is an available escape path, attempt to run and evacuate.
2. Evacuate whether others agree to or not.
3. Leave your valuables behind.
4. Help others to escape if you can do so safely.
5. Attempt to keep others from entering the area.
6. Call 911 when you are safe.

#### Hide/Shelter-in-Place

1. If running is not an option, hide in an area out of the shooter's view.
2. Block entry to your hiding place. Lock or jam the door, pile up furniture, do anything you can to discourage entry.
3. Silence all mobile devices.
4. Remain quiet.
5. Try to hide in a location that blocks the shooter's view, provides protection, and allows you room to move if needed.

#### Take Action

1. As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to incapacitate the attacker.
2. Act with physical aggression. In this situation, your best defense is to surprise your attacker by going on the offensive.
3. Throw items at the shooter, try to knock the weapon away, physically assault the assailant – do whatever it takes to survive.