

## **Active Shooter – Emergency Notification Method: CUNY Alert, Bull Horn,**

*An active shooter is an armed person who has used deadly physical force on other persons and continues to do so while having unrestricted access to additional victims. Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Active shooters often look for soft targets like malls, churches or schools due to their low security posture and high access to potential victims.*

When an Active Shooter is in your vicinity, you must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with the situation

### **What to Do**

Run/Avoid: Evacuate the area immediately if it can be done in a safe manner.

- Have an escape plan in mind
- Leave your belongings behind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Help others escape, if possible
- Do not attempt to move the wounded
- Prevent others from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
- Call 9-1-1 when it is safe to do so

Hide/Barricade:

- Hide in an area out of the shooter's view
- Lock the door and barricade the door with large heavy objects to make entry as difficult as possible (desks, tables, file cabinets, furniture, etc.)
- Get out of the shooter's view and stay very quiet.
- Close blinds, cover windows, and hide. Stay low. Gather near doorway but not in line of sight upon opening.
- Silence all electronic devices and make sure they won't vibrate.

Fight/Confront: How can you distract and/or incapacitate the aggressor?

- Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter
- Act with as much aggression as possible
- Use makeshift weapons and/or throw items like fire extinguishers, chairs, tables, trash cans, books, etc. to distract or overwhelm the aggressor.
- Commit to your actions

**Follow up Communications: Bull Horn Announcement, College email, and/or CUNY Alert**

