Active Threat Event
Quick Reference Guide

An active threat is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area.

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

Be aware, be prepared

- Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers.
- Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit.
- Think about where you could hide in places you frequent (classrooms, labs, offices, etc.).

MTSU CAMPUS POLICE
615-898-2424
(911 calls from cell phones go to Murfreesboro Police.)

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HOW TO RESPOND When an active threat is in your vicinity

**AVOID**
when there is an active threat.
Once you are safe, call 911.

**DENY**
when getting away is difficult or even impossible.
1. Block the door.
2. Avoid windows.
3. Silence your cell.

**DEFEND**
because you have a right to protect yourself.

What to tell law enforcement or 911 operator

- Location of the active threat
- Number of threat(s)
- Physical description of threat(s)
- Number and type of weapons held by threat(s)
- Number of potential victims at the location

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 officers for help when evacuating.