Violent Armed Intruder Protocol

How to React at Regis College

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Active Shooter Situation: Options for Consideration

Note: Highlight The [http://youtu.be](http://youtu.be) below and right click & click Open Hyperlink

Active Shooter Training Video
[http://youtu.be/oI5EoWBRYmo](http://youtu.be/oI5EoWBRYmo)
Active Armed Intruder: Profile

- An active armed intruder is an individual(s) actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area of the campus.
- Active Armed Intruder(s) commonly use a firearm(s), meaning a rifle, pistol or revolver or a combination of each; however they are not limited to firearms alone; they may use a knife or other type of dangerous weapon including an IED (improvised explosive device). There is no pattern or methodology as to their selection of weaponry.
Armed Intruder Situations

- The actions of an Armed Intruder are highly unpredictable and evolve rapidly. The deployment of trained law enforcement personnel is required to stop the shooting and mitigate the harm to potential victims.

- Because Violent Armed Intruder situations often occur quickly before law enforcement arrive and are of a 10-15 minutes duration, faculty, staff and students must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an Armed Intruder situation.
Good Practices to remember when in an Armed Intruder Situation

- You must be continually aware of the environment you are in and the dangers that it may impose if confronted by a violent armed intruder.
- Make a mental note of the nearest two exits in any room, facility you visit
- If you are in an office, or classroom stay there and secure the door with a desk, chair or even a belt
- If you are in a hallway, get into a room and again secure the door as best as possible and assess the room additional shelter such as a closet or under a desk
As a last resort, attempt to take the armed intruder down. When and if the armed intruder is at close range and you cannot escape, your chance of survival is much greater if you try to incapacitate the armed intruder.
How should Faculty, Staff and Students React to an Armed Intruder at Regis

- Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life. Remember that students and staff are likely to follow the lead of faculty and managers during an armed intruder situation.
1. Evacuate/Run

- If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises. Be sure to:
  - Have an escape route and plan in mind
  - Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
  - Leave your belongings behind
  - Help others escape, if possible
  - Prevent individuals from entering an area where the ARMED INTRUDER may be
  - Keep your hands visible when escaping/running
  - Follow the instructions of any police officers
  - Do not attempt to move wounded people
  - Call 7777 (Regis Campus Police) or 911 from Cellphone (State Police)
2. HIDE

- If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.
- Your hiding place should:
  - Be out of the active shooter’s view.
  - Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction (i.e., an office with a closed and locked door).
  - Not trap you or restrict your options for movement.
- To prevent an active shooter from entering your hiding place:
  - Lock the door.
  - Blockade the door with heavy furniture.
If the Armed Intruder is Nearby

- Lock the door
- Silence your cell phone and/or pager
- Turn off any source of noise (i.e., radios, televisions)
- Hide behind large items (i.e., cabinets, desks)
- Remain quiet
If Evacuation and/or Hiding is not Possible

- Remain calm
- Dial 7777 Regis Police or 911 (Cell phone State Police) Alert them to location Regis College Weston Building and Room Number), if possible, to alert police to the active shooter’s location
- If you cannot speak, leave the line open and allow the dispatcher to listen
Information to provide to law enforcement or 911 operator

- Location of the active shooter: inform dispatcher
  Regis College Weston Massachusetts, Building Name and/or number along with room number
- 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
Take action against the active shooter by FIGHTING/RESISTING as Last RESORT

- As a last resort, and **only when your life is in imminent danger**, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter by:
  - Acting as aggressively as possible against him/her
  - Throwing items and improvising weapons
  - Yelling
  - Committing to your actions
WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARRIVES

- Law enforcement’s purpose is to stop the active shooter as soon as possible. Officers will proceed directly to the area in which the last shots were heard.
  * Officers usually arrive in teams of four (4)
- Officers may wear regular patrol uniforms or external bulletproof vests, Kevlar helmets, and other tactical equipment
- Officers may be armed with rifles, shotguns, handguns
- Officers may use pepper spray or tear gas to control the situation
- Officers may shout commands, and may push individuals to the ground for their safety
How To React When Law Enforcement Arrive

• Remain calm, and follow officers’ instructions
• Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets)
  • Immediately raise hands and spread fingers
• Keep hands visible at all times
• Avoid making quick movements toward officers such as holding 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
Arriving Police & Injured Parties

- The first officers to arrive to the scene will not stop to help injured persons.
- Expect rescue teams comprised of additional officers and emergency medical personnel to follow the initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove any injured persons. They may also call upon able-bodied individuals to assist in removing the wounded from the premises.
- Once you have reached a safe location or an assembly point, you will likely be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control, and all witnesses have been identified and questioned.
- Do not leave until law enforcement authorities have instructed you to do so.