

## **LETHAL AGGRESSION ON CAMPUS**

Spontaneous Random Lethal Aggression is exactly that. The only person who knows what will unfold, is the "perpetrator". He/she selects "when, where, how, whom and is the only one, at that time, that knows the reasons for his/her actions.

While relatively rare, a shooting incident on campus is a horrific criminal act that can occur at anytime. The impact of such violence is far reaching and will affect everyone. School shootings are difficult to predict and are virtually impossible to defend. Okanagan College recognizes that self preservation and personal safety is of the utmost importance during such incidents.

The following information has been drawn from a number of sources including University College of Fraser Valley, University of Saskatchewan, Vancouver Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, USA and Security Services at Okanagan College, A.L.I.C.E. Instructor techniques course. This information is compiled to assist faculty, staff and students in guiding their response and actions during an act of potentially lethal aggression on campus. You can respond appropriately, even under stressful and panic circumstances.

Lethal aggression can take place anywhere at any time; at a bar, in a mall, at a stadium or in a school. No one can predict. We all need to think about what our responses might be before an incident ever occurs. It could save your life.

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## **SURVIVAL OPTIONS AGAINST AN ACTIVE SHOOTER.**

### **1. CALL 911 AND CAMPUS SECURITY IMMEDIATELY, WARN OTHERS**

At your first awareness of a threatening situation on campus involving a weapon. Police are to be contacted via 911. Be prepared to provide details of the incident such as location, description of suspect and weapons, to the operator. Campus Security are to be contacted by calling local #6699 or 317-2435 (cell), this number should be programmed into your cell phone for emergencies. You are not likely to remember numbers under stressful situations.

### **2. TAKE REFUGE AWAY FROM DANGER ON OR OFF CAMPUS UNTIL GIVEN THE "ALL CLEAR"**

If you are outside or can evacuate from the building you are in, it may be tempting to get into your vehicle and leave campus, however mass vehicle departure will create significant traffic problems for responding emergency services. Keep roadways clear for emergency vehicles. If you choose to leave campus on foot, move in the opposite direction of the danger. When the situation has been neutralized, a tally and identification of those injured will be necessary as well as contacting all students to confirm their status. OC Administration will communicate with staff, faculty and students. This may be done by way of email, website messaging, loud hailer, media release and in some cases by phone or in person.

### **3. ESCAPE WHERE POSSIBLE OR SHELTER IN PLACE**

As a last resort where you cannot escape and exit the building through doors or windows you may need to shelter in place. Seek refuge in an office, classroom or if possible evacuate the building or area as far away as you can. If shots are heard or when you become aware of an unfolding violent incident on campus and where evacuation is not possible, staff/faculty shall complete a quick survey outside or their doorway for passing students and beckon them to safety. Students are to be directed into classrooms or offices where escape poses too high a risk. Students/faculty and staff not in a classroom should proceed to the nearest room and close the door behind them. Where possible, the classroom or office door should be locked and barricaded with chairs or desks to prevent the shooter from gaining entry.

***Only you can draw the line on what you will do to save yourself or others. "Rushing and or swarming an intruder who has defeated a barricaded door may be your only life saving strategy."***

### **4. STAY LOW AND DON'T MOVE**

If you are in the immediate area where police are exchanging gunfire with the intruder and escape is not an option, "lie face down on the floor closest to the wall immediately, do not move until commanded to do so by police."

### **5. DO NOT MOVE UNTIL DIRECTED BY POLICE**

If you have sheltered in place and are safe DO NOT exit your refuge point until directed to do so by Police. Once the threat has been neutralized, police will begin a systematic evacuation of all areas on campus. Each room on campus will be cleared. Do exactly as commanded by police. When evacuating a building, do so as quickly as possible. Keep moving as far from the buildings as possible so as not to interfere with police operations.

## **Shooter on Campus**

### **Instruction for Occupants:**

- 1. IMMEDIATELY, WARN OTHERS , CALL 911 AND CAMPUS SECURITY**
- 2. ESCAPE WHERE POSSIBLE OR SHELTER IN PLACE**
- 3. TAKE REFUGE AWAY FROM DANGER**
- 4. STAY LOW AND TO THE WALL IN A GUNFIRE EXCHANGE**
- 5. DO AS DIRECTED BY POLICE**