CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS

AVOID. DENY. DEFEND.

Should you ever find yourself in an active shooter situation, your survival may depend on how you respond. There are three things you could do that make a difference:

AVOID

• Move away from the source of the threat as quickly as possible.
• The more distance and barriers between you and the threat, the better.

DENY

• Create barriers to prevent or slow down a threat from getting to you.
• Remain out of sight and quiet by hiding behind large objects and silence your phone.

DEFEND

• If you cannot Avoid or Deny, be prepared to defend yourself aggressively.
• Do not fight fairly, consider items that you can use as an improvised weapon.

When safe, call University Police: (956) 882-4911
UTRGV Police Directory: (956) 882-7777

For additional information on how to handle a variety of situations, visit UTRGV.edu/emergencymanagement.