RUN, HIDE, FIGHT

If an armed or threatening intruder comes on College property, it is very important that faculty, staff and or students report it immediately and take protective actions.

**George Mason University Police recommends the following procedures.**

If you see an armed intruder and you are in an office or classroom:

1. Remain in the classroom or office and immediately lock all doors.
2. Call 911 (Cell Phone alerts County or City Police) or 911 (office phone to alert GMUPD). Try to remain calm so you can give an accurate description of the person or person(s). Note type of dress, height, weight, sex, and any other characteristics/physical items that are particular to the individual(s). Report the type of weapon (Long gun or hand gun) and direction of travel or building entered.
3. Call Police to report the above information.
4. Lock the windows and doors, close blinds or curtains.
5. Turn off lights and all audio equipment.
6. Barricade doors and hide but not in groups.
7. Stay out of the open areas and be as quiet as possible.
8. Try to remain as calm as possible.
9. Keep classroom or office secure until police arrive and give directions.

**If you are caught in an open or exposed area and you cannot get into a classroom or office, you must decide upon a course of action:**

**Hiding**
Look for a safe and secure hiding area. Once in place try to remain calm. Stay hidden until you can make contact with emergency personnel.

**Running**
If you think you can safely make it out of the area, then do so. If you decide to run, do not run in a straight line. Attempt to keep objects (trees, vehicles, trash cans, etc.) between you and the hostile person. When away from immediate area of danger, summon help and warn others.

**Playing Dead**
If the intruder is causing death or physical injury to others and you are unable to run or hide you may choose to assume a prone position and lay as still as possible.

**Fighting**
your last option if you are caught in the open and are in close proximity of the intruder is to fight back. This is dangerous and not recommended, but depending on your situation, this could be your last option.

If you are caught by the intruder and are not going to fight back, obey all commands and avoid eye contact.

Once emergency personnel have arrived and taken over the situation, keep hands visible and obey all commands.