

# CAMPUS SAFETY

No one looks forward to a fire drill. They always occur at an inconvenient time it seems - in the middle of a important lecture point, when you're getting the scoop on a friend, or when you have to go to the bathroom. We've participated in fire drills since kindergarten. Why must we keep doing them?

Practicing helps you know what to do in the event of an actual emergency. It also allows West employees responsible for your safety a chance to rehearse their roles.

So please, be a cooperative participant in the fire drills and follow all instructions given by campus safety personnel.

## WHEN YOU ARE INSTRUCTED:

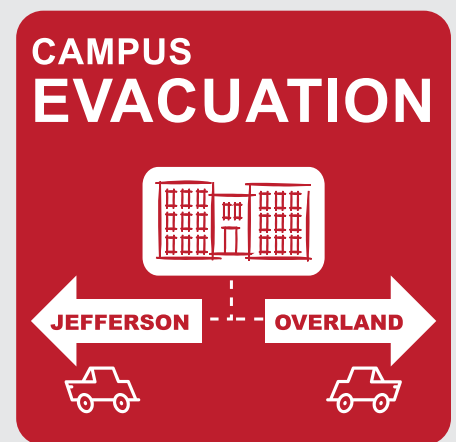


In an emergency or urgent situation, you will typically be asked to:  
Check your phone or [www.WLAC.edu](http://www.WLAC.edu) for alerts and instructions



**WHEN YOU HEAR FIRE ALARMS,** Evacuate & Assemble is the right action unless otherwise instructed. Go to one of the Assembly Areas on campus. Do not attempt to leave campus.

*Typically used in the event of fire, odor, utility failure*



**IF CAMPUS EVACUATION IS ORDERED,** evacuate campus immediately by car or by foot. Do not wait for a bus or to be picked up.

*Typically used in the event of major fire, campus-wide utility failure, after lock down*

### WLAC Sheriff

(310) 287- 4314

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TLC 1st floor

More Info At:  
[www.WLAC.edu/Sheriff](http://www.WLAC.edu/Sheriff)

**DURING FIRE DRILLS, you should receive a text alert from West.** Please follow the directions in the text. Your cell number was added to the WLAC emergency communications database using information from your student profile.

If you do not receive a text, please update your phone number by logging into your SIS student portal.

# SHOOTER ON CAMPUS

Recent news stories about active shooters in public places including schools and colleges have raised questions about how we should respond in such an emergency.

An Active Shooter is a situation where one or more suspects participate in a random or systematic shooting spree. These situations are dynamic and evolve rapidly, demanding immediate deployment of law enforcement resources to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to innocent victims.

**If You Are In A Classroom or Office,** STAY THERE, secure the door and turn off the lights. Remain silent. Once closed, do not open the door for anyone other than law enforcement personnel. If the door has no lock and the door opens in, use a heavy door wedge or heavy furniture to barricade the door. If the door has a window, cover it.

**If You Are In A Hallway,** get in a room that is not already secured and secure it. If that is not possible, try to hide. Unless you are very close to an exit, don't run through a long hall to get to one, as you may encounter the gunmen or hostage taker.

**If You Are In An Open Space,** stay alert and look for appropriate cover locations. Hard cover, such as brick walls, large trees, retaining walls, parked vehicles, and any other objects that may stop bullets, may be utilized as cover.

**If You Are Trapped with the Gunmen,** don't provoke them. If they are not shooting, do what they say and don't move suddenly. There is no set procedure in this situation. If possible call 911 and talk with a police dispatcher or leave the phone line open so the police can hear what is going on.

If they do start shooting, make a choice: stay still and hope they don't shoot you; flee - run for an exit while zigzagging; or attack the shooter. Playing dead may also be a consideration.

It is not a recommendation to attack the shooter, but remember that you have a choice to fight when there are no other options.

## What to Expect from Responding Police Officers

Law enforcement officers responding to an active shooter are trained to proceed immediately to the area where the shots were last heard; their purpose is to stop the shooting as quickly as possible. Officers may be from different agencies and dressed in different uniforms. They may even be in civilian clothes and wearing an external bulletproof vest.

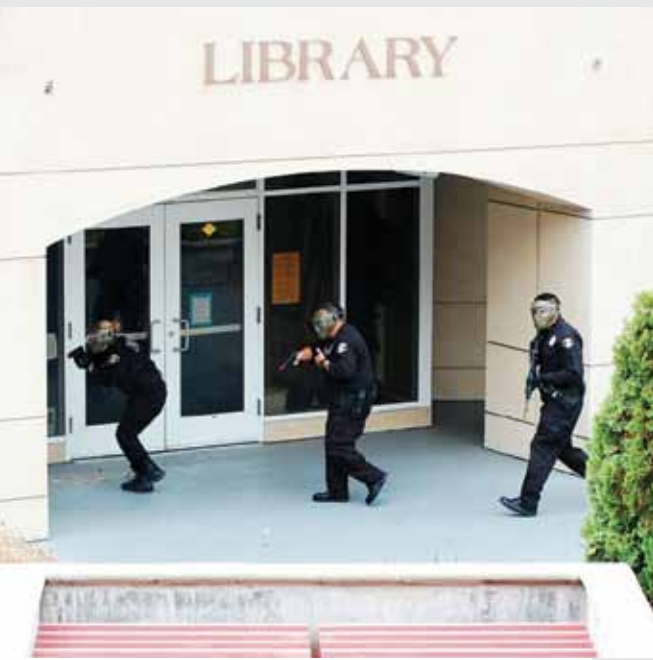
Regardless of how officers appear, remain calm. Do as the officers tell you. Put down any bags or packages that you are carrying and keep your hands visible at all times.

If you know where the shooter is, or can describe the shooters, tell officers.

The first officers to arrive will not stop to aid injured victims. Rescue teams will follow shortly after the first responding officers enter the area. They will attend to the injured and remove everyone safely from the area.

Keep in mind that once you have escaped to a safer location, the entire area is still a crime scene. Officers will usually not let anyone leave until the situation is under control and witnesses have been identified. Until you have been released, remain at whatever assembly point authorities designate.

SOURCES: WLAC CAMPUS SHERRIFF, UC POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVE SHOOTER TIPS



**IF LOCK DOWN IS ORDERED,** lock & barricade doors or, if out doors, take cover.

*Typically used in the event of active shooter or other criminal activity*

**If under lock down,** make it obvious that you are not the assailant. When law enforcement arrives, follow their instructions, drop anything in your hands and keep your hands on your head.