

Active Shooter Prep Checklist

Use this checklist to assess your preparedness to respond to an active threat in your office, classroom, and other spaces you frequent on campus.

- **Confirm that your office or learning space has a campus phone installed.**
If you dial 9-1-1 from a campus phone, Public Safety will be alerted that an emergency call was placed and of your location so they can send help without delay. Campus phones are also used as a PA system across campus. If you do not have a campus phone in your office or learning space, email helpdesk@lmu.edu.
- **Confirm that your learning space displays emergency information signs, which include tips and important phone numbers.**
- **Identify at least two ways you can exit the space**, where those exits lead to, and how to get outside the building.
- **Examine your door, and identify ways you could tie it down and barricade access.**
Due to Los Angeles fire code and to ensure accessibility of classrooms, doors may not have a deadbolt or be locked during classroom hours. Depending on room capacity, doors are also likely to open out into the hall. To secure a learning space door, you may need to get creative—tie a belt or scarf around the door and connect it to something else in the room or tied something around the door arm. Think about how you could use furniture to barricade yourself in (and check out the following page for ideas).
- **Know how to turn off the lights.** Be familiar with light switches so you can turn off lights without delay to make it look like the room is unoccupied.
- **Identify at least two things you could use to shield yourself** (think chair, desk, or other equipment or furniture)
- **Identify at least two things you could use as improvised weapons** (think furniture, books, fire extinguisher, or other equipment)
- **Program Public Safety’s number in your cell phone.** 310.338.2893
- **Register, update, or confirm your cell phone and email address in LMU Alert.**
- **Download and activate the RAVE Guardian mobile app.**
- **Participate in the annual campus-wide February drill.**

Barricading a Door Against Entry

In the event of an active threat, your first response should always be RUN if you can. But if you cannot run, your next option is to HIDE. Once you've locked the door, barricading entry greatly improves your security.

Which way does your door open? A trick is to look for hinges. If you see hinges, the door will open towards you (inward). If you don't, it will open away from you (outward).

Barricading Inward Opening Doors

Because this door must be pushed into the room to gain access, placing heavy objects in front of the door will make it difficult to open from the outside.

You can:



Place a chair under the handle



Stack furniture in front (or place in a line from the door to the opposing wall, if time permits)

Barricading Outward Opening Doors

Outward opening doors are a bit more challenging to secure, but being aware of your available resources still makes security within reach.

You can:



Use a cord, belt, purse strap, cable etc. to tie to heavy furniture.



Tie the handle, stand to the side, and hold on tight.



Tie a cord, belt, cable etc. tightly around door arm.