

## Make a Plan Before You Need a Plan.

- You are the first line of defense
- Always prioritize your safety
- If you see something, say something
- Remain aware of your surroundings
- When you visit a building, take time to identify nearby exits
- Identify potential hiding spots like rooms without windows, behind locked solid doors, or behind large heavy furniture
- Learn and practice first aid skills and use of tourniquets
- Follow specific instructions provided by law enforcement authorities
- Remember, stopping the assailant is primarily the job of law enforcement

**Report all suspicious activity  
to the Johns Hopkins  
Police Department  
410-516-4600**

For more resources visit:  
[publicsafety.jhu.edu](https://publicsafety.jhu.edu)



**Public Safety**

# Active Assailant Event

**Quick Reference Guide**

**JOHNS HOPKINS**  
UNIVERSITY & MEDICINE

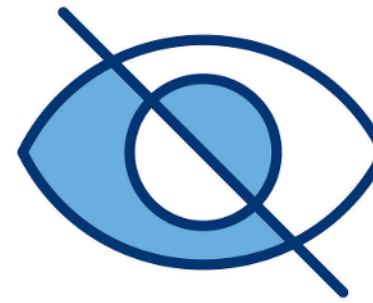


Although predicting when someone may become violent is impossible, certain behaviors can indicate a potential for violence. The following warning signs should be taken seriously and may require intervention or reporting:

- Making threats (direct or indirect) of suicide or hurting oneself.
- Making implied threats of violence to others.
- Fascination with ownership of firearms, bombs, or other weapons.
- Preoccupation with incidents of publicized violence.
- Intimidating others.
- Crossing professional and personal boundaries
- Sudden or erratic agitation with others or blaming others when things go wrong
- Recent and marked decline in academic or job performance
- Notable changes in personality, mood, or behavior
- Giving away personal possessions
- Notable decline in personal hygiene and appearance
- Abusing alcohol or other drugs
- Social isolation or alienation



**RUN**



**HIDE**



**FIGHT**

### **RUN**

- Find an escape route to escape danger
- Evacuate, even if others don't agree to follow
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others to escape, if possible
- Prevent others from entering an area where active assailants may be
- Keep your hands visible for responders
- Call 911 when you are safe

### **HIDE**

- Seek cover and hide in an area out of the assailant's view
- Barricade yourself in a locked room
- Block entry to your hiding place
- Turn out lights and close blinds
- Silence your cell phone and remain quiet
- Look for other exit points

### **FIGHT**

- Fight as a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger
- Attempt to incapacitate the assailant
- Act with as much physical aggression as possible
- Improvise weapons or throw items at the assailant
- Commit to your actions; your life depends on it