

INTRUDER/SUSPICIOUS PERSON

If you encounter someone in your building who is behaving in a way that seems suspicious to you, such as trying to hide, enter unauthorized offices, or attempting to conceal a weapon **call 9-1-1**. Be prepared to provide their description and location.

If an armed or threatening intruder comes in to your facility **report it immediately and take protective actions**. Rutgers University maintains an open campus which creates unique challenges when encountered by unfamiliar or suspicious persons.

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

Leave the building immediately

- If you are not able to leave immediately lock all doors or move to a secure area.
- Call 9-1-1
 - The alternate RUPD phone numbers are: New Brunswick 732-932-7111, Newark 973-353-5111 or 973-972-4491, Camden 856-225-6111
- Remain calm; give an accurate description of the person or person(s). Note clothing, height, weight, gender, and any other descriptive information that is particular to the individual(s). Report the type of weapon (if known) and direction of travel or building entered.
- Do not draw attention to yourself; turn off lights and all audio equipment.
- Stay out of the open areas and be as quiet as possible.
- Keep classroom or office secure until police arrive and provide further instructions.

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

Run If you can safely make it out of the area, then **RUN**. If you decide to run, stay low and 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.

Hide If you are not able to leave, look for a safe and secure hiding area. Once in place remain calm and alert. Stay hidden; await emergency personnel and follow their instructions.

If the intruder is causing death or physical injury to others and you are unable to run or hide:

Play Dead You may choose to assume a prone position and lay as still as possible.

Fight **If you are confronted by someone who is causing death or physical injury to others and you are unable to get away** your last option is to **fight back**. Work together with other trapped persons. This is extremely dangerous, however depending on your situation this could be your only option to survive.