

# What to do in the event of an attack

by an armed person or persons

The purpose of this guidance is to alert and not to alarm – it is not being provided in response to any specific information. Staff and students should remain alert to the danger of terrorism but should not let the fear of terrorism stop them from going about their day-to-day life as normal.

**Be PREPARED**  
**Stay CALM**

**In the event of an incident, quickly determine the best way to protect yourself:**

## Evacuate

- ▶ If it is possible to do so safely, exit the building or area immediately
- ▶ Have an escape route in mind (Fire Exit signs are a good point of reference)
- ▶ Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- ▶ Help others, if possible
- ▶ Prevent others from entering the area of danger
- ▶ Do not attempt to move wounded people
- ▶ When you are safe, call 999 and ask for the police



## Hide

- ▶ If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the offender is less likely to find you
- ▶ If you are in a room/office, stay there
- ▶ If you are in a corridor, get into a room/office
- ▶ Lock the door and blockade it with furniture
- ▶ Silence your mobile phone and remain quiet
- ▶ Turn off the lights and draw any blinds
- ▶ Hide out of view and behind something solid (desk or cabinet)
- ▶ If it is possible to do so safely, call 999 and ask for the police



## Inform

**When you contact the police provide the following information:**

- ▶ Location of and the number of offenders
- ▶ Any physical descriptions of the offenders
- ▶ Number and type of weapons used by the offenders
- ▶ Number of potential victims at the location
- ▶ Your location



**Stay  
SAFE**

Further information and advice is available from  
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