



POLICE DEPARTMENT

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UC Irvine Statement Regarding Campus Safety

The UC Irvine Police Department is deeply saddened by the shooting deaths on the campus of Virginia Tech University. This terrible tragedy is a reminder that no institution is immune from senseless violence and that we all must remain vigilant.

At UCI, protection of students, faculty, staff and visitors is our top priority. Campus leadership works closely with the campus police department and units across campus to identify problematic situations and mitigate them before they become more serious. Multiple campus committees work regularly on workplace violence issues and police officers receive extensive training that includes scenarios involving active shooter situations.

Many campus safety programs and resources are available to students, faculty and staff. Information on safety at UCI and links to other campus services is available on the UCIPD Website at www.police.uci.edu. Members of the campus community are encouraged to make use of the many resources available to them.

If you are directly involved, or you can hear gunshots in the immediate vicinity, the following actions are recommended:

- Go to the nearest room or office.
- Close and lock or barricade the room or office door(s).
- Turn off the lights in the room or office.
- Close the office blinds or curtains.
- Keep as quiet as possible and do not answer or open the door.
- Call 9-1-1 and tell the UC Irvine Police Department what is occurring.
- Wait for the UCI Police and/or other law enforcement personnel to assist you out of the building.
- Be prepared to give the UCI Police Dispatcher the following information:
 - Your name
 - Your exact location (be as specific as possible)
 - Number of shooters (if known)
 - Identification or description of shooter(s)
 - Number of persons who may be involved

If you are involved in a situation where someone has entered the area and started shooting, the following is a list of actions that are recommended. It should be noted that these types of incidents are unpredictable. The below guidelines are recommendations that are based on past experiences. You may have to alter some of these suggestions depending on the situation. If you are not directly involved, you do not hear gunshots nearby, and it appears safe to exit then:



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1. Evacuate the building.
2. Tell anyone you may encounter to leave the building immediately.
3. Report to your building assembly area. This should be done only if it is reasonably safe to do so. Otherwise, it may be better to leave the campus. If you do not know where you should assemble, please review your particular evacuation plan by visiting the UCI Environmental Health & Safety at www.ehs.uci.edu/em/zonemap.html.
4. Call 911 from any phone.
5. Give the UCI Police Dispatcher the following information:
 - Your name
 - Location of the incident - be as specific as possible
 - Location of shooter(s) if known
 - Identification or description of shooter(s)
 - Numbers of persons who may be involved
 - Your exact location

The UCI Police Department personnel are trained to respond to an active shooting incident by entering the building or facility as soon as possible, and proceeding toward the threat or shooter(s). They will move quickly and directly toward the threat. Early on in an incident, the police may not be able to rescue individuals because their main goal is to stop or neutralize the threat. Individuals need to try to remain calm and patient during this highly stressful time, so as not to interfere with the police operations. Individuals need to follow the responding officers' orders exactly as they are told. Normally, rescue teams are formed shortly after the first responding officers enter the building. They will be the officers who will search for injured individuals and get everyone safely out of the building. Please follow the orders of these rescue teams, too, so your evacuation from the building can be accomplished in a quick and safe manner.

In the event of a major disaster affecting the campus and/or UCI Medical Center, the telephone number below will be activated. Call for a recorded message on the status of UCI and advising on closure, interruption of classes, work schedules, etc. Other means of communication will also be used including ZotAlert, ZotMail, voicemail messaging, Smart Classroom alerts, Zone Team activation, campus message boards and KUCI which can be listened to at 88.9 on your FM radio dial or KUCI.org.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION LINE**866-IRV-NEWS • 866-478-6397**

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