

Hostage Situation

- Anyone taken hostage is encouraged to remain calm, avoid emotional displays, cooperate with the hostage taker, do not volunteer information but answer questions. Keep a low profile, get rid of personal effects and symbols of authority if possible; never argue, lie, confront, or provoke your abductor. Do not try to take negotiations in your own hands and follow the instructions of law enforcement officers.
- When a hostage situation is discovered, the person who can safely make the call will notify the Campus Police Department.
 - a. Be patient; time is on your side.
 - b. Follow instructions and be alert.
 - c. Do not speak unless spoken to.
 - d. Be observant.
 - e. Be prepared to answer the police on the phone.
 - f. If medications, first aid or restroom privileges are needed by anyone say so.
- If the hostage taker makes demands, no one should negotiate with him but indicate that someone who can talk to him about those demands is coming.