

## **Violent or Criminal Behavior**

In the event of hostile/violent behavior ABAC Police (Department of Public Safety) will coordinate a police response. The Department employs certified police officers and personnel have been trained to respond to hostile/violent actions. Immediately contact ABAC Police (Department of Public Safety) at 391-5060 if hostile or violent behavior, actual or potential, is witnessed.

- Initiate immediate contact of the ABAC Police (Department of Public Safety) at 391-5060 to ensure that a timely response is begun before a situation becomes uncontrollable.
- Leave the immediate area whenever possible and direct others to do so.

Should gunfire or explosives hazard the campus, you should take cover immediately using all available concealment. Close and lock doors when possible to separate yourself and others from the armed suspect.

### **In the event that you are taken hostage:**

- Be patient. Avoid drastic action.
- The initial 45 minutes are the most dangerous. Follow instructions, be alert, and stay alive. Captors are emotionally unbalanced. Don't make mistakes which could jeopardize your well-being.
- Don't speak unless spoken to and then only when necessary. Don't talk down or attempt to rationalize with the captor. Avoid appearing hostile. Maintain eye contact with the captor at all times, if possible, but do not stare.
- Try to rest. Avoid speculating. Comply with instructions as best you can. Avoid arguments. Expect the unexpected, severe mood swings, irrational actions, etc. Displaying a certain amount of fear can possibly work to your advantage.
- Do not make quick or sudden moves. If you must go to the bathroom, need medications, or first aid, ask your captors.
- Be observant; when you are released, the personal safety of others may depend on what you remember about the situation.