

# SUICIDE THREAT/MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

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Mental health emergencies include suicide, attempted suicide, threats of suicide, and other behaviors that directly endanger the affected individual or others.

**IF IT APPEARS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS CAUSED HARM TO HIMSELF OR OTHERS OR IS IN NEED OF IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, CALL 911.**

**EVERY ATTEMPT OR STATEMENT ABOUT SUICIDE SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.**

**DON'T TRY TO EVALUATE THE VALIDITY OF THE THREAT ON YOUR OWN. IF IT APPEARS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS THREATENING TO CAUSE HARM TO THEMSELVES OR OTHERS, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.**

**ONCE ON THE SCENE, POLICE OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL OFFICERS WILL MAKE AN INITIAL EVALUATION AND RENDER FIRST AID AS NEEDED. IF POSSIBLE, PROVIDE RESPONDING PERSONNEL WITH ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION YOU KNOW ABOUT THE VICTIM. AFTER THE IMMEDIATE EMERGENCY PASSES, CONTACT L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS CENTER 24/7 HELPLINE (800-854-7771) IN ORDER TO EASE THE EFFECTS OF ANY TRAUMA YOU OR OTHERS MIGHT FEEL REGARDING THE INCIDENT. THEY WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH WALK-IN TIMES FOR URGENT MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.**