

# SUICIDE PROTOCOL & CRITICAL RESPONSE



**Imminent Risk:** Death risk is high, a plan is in place, lethal means are accessible, and the individual is planning to or is currently in the process of an attempt.

**Expression of current suicidal thoughts:** Presents as thoughts of ending one's life without having the intention to act on the thoughts.

## TO IDENTIFY IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS AT IMMINENT RISK OR EXPRESSING THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE, ASK SPECIFIC QUESTIONS & ASK DIRECTLY ABOUT SUICIDE:

- / Are you thinking about killing yourself? Or, are you thinking about suicide?
- / Have you thought about how you would kill yourself? Have you decided when you would do it? Have you acquired the materials you need to kill yourself?
- / When you think about this plan do you see yourself acting on it? Or - Have you thought about acting on these thoughts/plans?

### IMMINENT RISK All Campuses

- / Call 911 (while you are with the student).
- / Contact the student's emergency contact (the CARE team or Campus Police can assist with this communication).
- / After contacting 911 and the emergency contact, complete a CARE Referral for follow up.

### Online Learners

- / Call 911 (ideally while you are on the phone or engaged with the student).
- / Call 988 (24/7 Suicide Crises Lifeline) to access support for a student.
- / Direct student to the nearest hospital emergency department.

### Study Abroad

- / Contact ISOS at 1-215-942-8478 or use the free assistance app from [app.internationalsos.com](https://app.internationalsos.com).
- / If the student seems to be in imminent danger of hurting themselves or others, take immediate action by contacting local authorities and ISOS.
- / Talk to the individual reporting the behavior/incident (if not the student themselves) and determine the location of the student.

### Faculty/Staff

- / Call 911.
- / Contact Employee Relations Cell at 210-867-0260.
- / Contact Faculty Staff Assistance Program at 304-293-5590.

### EXPRESSION OF CURRENT SUICIDAL THOUGHTS Morgantown

- / Call Carruth Center Urgent/Crisis Clinic at 304-293-4431  
— After 5 p.m. or on holidays and weekends press 1 to speak to an after-hours counselor.

### Potomac State

- / During operational hours, call the PSC Counselor at 304-788-6976. If unavailable, call the Dean of Student Experience at 304-788-6995 or the Care Team Case Manager at 304-788-6910 for assistance. After 5 p.m. or on holidays and weekends, contact 304-788-6977.

### Tech

- / During operational hours, call the WVU Tech Student Health & Wellness Center at 304-929-1237. If the counselor is not available call: CARE Team/Dean of Students: 304-929-1232 or Campus Police 304-929-2677. After 5 p.m. or on holidays and weekends, please call 304-929-1237.

**\*Depending on the severity/nature of the student's concerns any of the above resources may contact a student's emergency contact or request that you do so.**

### Complete a CARE Referral once all contacts have been made:

- / Morgantown: [careteam.wvu.edu](https://careteam.wvu.edu)
- / Potomac State: [go.wvu.edu/psc-care-report](https://go.wvu.edu/psc-care-report)
- / Tech: [go.wvu.edu/tech-care-report](https://go.wvu.edu/tech-care-report)