

# Emergency Services Overview

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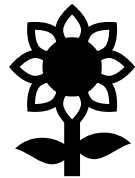
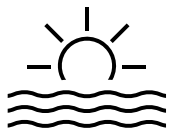
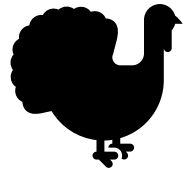
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## EMERGENCY SERVICES

▶ 703-228-5160

▶ Services are available 24/7



**EMERGENCY**

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# GOALS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Intervene	Intervene to prevent harm to self, others, property
Follow	Follow the Code of VA to determine Dangerousness to self/others and Inability to Care for Self
Consider	Consider the Least Restrictive Option

# CRITERIA FOR ECO, TDO & COMMITMENT

## ► INPATIENT COMMITMENT

VA. CODE ANN. § 37.2-817(C). [A] judge or special justice [shall order involuntary admission if he or she]

finds by clear and convincing evidence that:

(a) the person has a mental illness and there is a substantial likelihood that, as a result of mental illness, the person will, in the near future,

(1) cause serious physical harm to himself or others as evidenced by recent behavior causing, attempting, or threatening harm and other relevant information, if any, or

(2) suffer serious harm due to his lack of capacity to protect himself from harm or to provide for his basic human needs



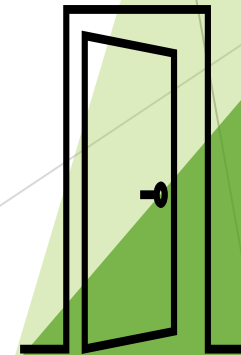
# SO MANY QUESTIONS

- ▶ How long has this been going on with the client?
- ▶ What has changed? What's different?
- ▶ Are they eating/sleeping regularly? Showering? Changing clothes?
- ▶ How are they spending their time during the day? Do they have the same pleasure or interest in the activities they usually enjoy?
- ▶ Are they taking medications? (Medical and psychiatric)
- ▶ Are there health concerns?
- ▶ Have they mentioned suicide or thoughts of wanting to hurt others?
- ▶ Are there signs of self-injury?
- ▶ What has been tried already?





# ES IS HERE TO HELP



# EMERGENCY OR CRISIS ?

## EMERGENCIES

- ▶ Acting on a suicidal threat
- ▶ Homicidal or threatening behavior
- ▶ Self-injury needing immediate medical attention
- ▶ Severely impaired by drugs or alcohol
- ▶ Highly erratic, unusual, unpredictable behavior
- ▶ Inability to care for themselves- impaired judgement

## CRISIS SITUATIONS

- ▶ Talking about suicide or harm to others
- ▶ Displaying threatening behaviors
- ▶ Self-injury, but not requiring immediate medical attention
- ▶ Alcohol or substance abuse
- ▶ Not taking their prescribed psychiatric medications
- ▶ Emotionally distraught, very depressed, anxious or angry

# EMERGENCY CUSTODY ORDERS (ECO)

## 8 HOURS TO:

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**Gather** Gather more information

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**Screen** Medically screen for health problems

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**Complete** Complete evaluation

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**Review** Review records

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**Locate** Locate a psychiatric placement

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**Consult** Consult with other treatment providers

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**Write** Write a Prescreening Document substantiating the need for intervention

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**Consider** Consider Less Restrictive Options

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# TEMPORARY DETENTION ORDER (TDO)

- ▶ CLEAR AND CONVINCING FACTS
- ▶ COMPLETE PETITION AND PROVIDE TESTIMONY TO THE MAGISTRATE
- ▶ WILL THE CLIENT BENEFIT FROM TREATMENT
- ▶ WHAT HAS BEEN TRIED WITH THE CLIENT ALREADY
- ▶ CIVIL COMMITMENT HEARING





QUESTIONS  
OR  
COMMENTS?