

Mental & Behavioral Health Crisis 911 CHECKLIST

Call 911 if your family member is in crisis and is a danger to themselves or others

NECESSARY INFORMATION The Dispatcher will need this information	WHAT TO EXPECT Who will respond to your crisis?
Address where help is needed & (if different) the address that responding officers should come to	The 911 operator will dispatch uniformed patrol officers to your location.
CURRENT location of family member	 Officers will speak with the individual(s) who called to gather more information regarding the reason for the call and the person in crisis.
Nature of the crisis (why you need the police)	
Your name	 Officers will determine if a crime has occurred (if applicable) and begin assessing for safety (if the person in crisis is an imminent risk to themselves, others, or unable to take care of themselves).
Your family member's name & date of birth or age	
Prior or current violent behavior	
Possession of weapons / access to weapons	
Any alcohol or drug use	 Any information you can provide is very important to ensuring the safety of everyone involved and that the person is assisted in the most appropriate manner.
• Description of family member, including height & weight	
Clothing description of family member	
Diagnosis (Mental Health and/or Medical)	 Officers will notify the mental health co-responder unit (officer & clinician) to be dispatched if available, if they are not already on scene.
Current medications (On or Off?)	
Have they taken their medications?	 The co-responder unit will continue to gather information and decide a course of action, which may include safety planning and providing resources, transport to the hospital, or transport to the crisis center.
Triggers (what upsets them?)	
Share what has helped in previous police contacts	
Identify other people in the home/at the location	
Will your family member be cooperative with officers?	• The person in crisis may be placed in handcuffs if they need to be transported for treatment.

IMPORTANT: You are asking a stranger to come into your home to resolve a crisis. They will only have the information you provide to them. It is a good practice to gather as much of this information as possible before a crisis occurs.

NON-EMERGENCY RESOURCES

SummitStone Crisis Center Phone: 970-494-4200, Option 1 Address: 1217 Riverside Avenue Fort Collins, CO National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Phone: 1-800-950-6264 Website: http://namilacc.org/