In a mental health crisis? There is help! Call 988

As of November 30, 2023, there is a new mental health emergency call-in line, to support anyone in a mental health crisis. This includes suicide prevention.

You can call or text any time, from anywhere in Canada.

Here is a helpful guide on when you use 911 or 988:



Call 911

- When someone expresses a plan to die by suicide and they have the means to accomplish it.
- If it appears that someone might have over-medicated or overdosed.
- When someone has injured themselves attempting to die by suicide.
- If you have reason to believe that the person is a danger to themselves or others*.

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- When someone is talking about suicide, but they aren't ready to carry out the plan.*
- If you notice the person has in their possession an abnormal amount of medication that would likely be harmful, especially if it wasn't prescribed to them.
- When someone is having a mental health crisis
- If someone needs help with a mental health issue.

If you are able, and it's safe to do so, drive the person to the hospital instead of calling 911 if they don't require the immediate care of a paramedic.

Do your best to make sure that a person experiencing a mental health crisis isn't left alone, even if they have contacted 988.









^{*} Most people who are experiencing suicidal thoughts aren't dangerous to others, but in the rare case that you believe they are, be sure to stay safe.