

## Guidelines for Responding to Individuals in Distress

	Emergency	Crisis	Distress
Recognize	Imminent risk of harm to self and/or others. Examples include: • Presence of objects/weapons threatened to be used • Physical abuse/harassment • Substance intoxication • Imminent suicide attempt • Suicidal ideation with threat to attempt within 24h • Episode of mental health crisis including stupor, ataxia, incoherent language/behavior or psychosis	Not life-threatening but urgent. Examples include: • Suicide ideation with threat to attempt more than 24h • Report of recent assault or mental health crisis • Sudden, or imminent health issue or distressing situation that requires removal from the learning environment	Non-urgent but concerning. Examples include: • Recent death of a relative/loved one • Significant and sudden changes in mood/appearance/behavior/ academic performance • Other situations of distressing nature not otherwise specified that cannot be categorized under crisis or emergency
Respond	ONSITE         • Notify Critical Incident Team on campus         • Isolate individual by removing themselves or others in proximity         • Converse with student, if possible         • Administer first aid, if respondent is qualified, and intervention is required & safe         OFFSITE         • Notify Critical Incident Team on campus         • Note student location to communicate to emergency services	<ul> <li>ONSITE <ul> <li>Notify Critical Incident Team on campus</li> <li>Move individual to safe, private space</li> <li>Director will conduct further conversation with individual in presence of the reporting staff</li> </ul> </li> <li>OFFSITE <ul> <li>Notify Critical Incident Team on shift</li> <li>Note student location to communicate to director level on shift</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ONSITE <ul> <li>Move individual to safe, private space</li> <li>Notify the individual of their situation by building awareness of support services through Student Services</li> <li>If alarming information comes up that might deem it a crisis, follow "Crisis" protocols.</li> </ul> </li> <li>OFFSITE <ul> <li>Schedule a time to meet with the student &amp; provide campus resources</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Refer	• Call emergency services, 9-1-1 ASAP	<ul> <li>If Team member deems the case to be an emergency, respondent will call 9-1-1</li> <li>If applicable, director calls suicide hotline</li> <li>If Team member deems the case to be a distress, they will refer student to campus support resources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Refer individual to campus support resources: GuardMe Student Support Program, Stenberg Wellness Centre, or Accessibility Services</li> <li>Refer individual to Student Services for further info and follow-up support</li> </ul>
Reflect	<ul> <li>Fill out incident report form.</li> <li>Self-check fitness to return to work/class</li> <li>Critical Incident Team member in charge will form a plan of further communications with student.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>If emergency, fill out incident report form &amp; file</li> <li>If distress, take notes &amp; file.</li> <li>Self-check fitness to return to work/class</li> </ul>	Takes notes and refer to Student Services

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