

Questions to use to assess level of risk and to help decide where to refer

- Are there recent crises or stresses?
- Is despair/hopelessness being expressed by the person?
- Is the person receiving treatment for mental illness/emotional problem?
- Is there abuse of drugs or alcohol?
- Is there a family history of suicide?
- Have there been past suicide attempts?
- Are they thinking about suicide?
- Have they a suicide plan?
- Do they have access to means (e.g. gun)?

Medium to High Risk

- * Multiple risk factors present (consider answers to the above questions)
- * Active suicidal thoughts present

Low Risk

Low Risk DOES NOT MEAN No Risk

Agreeable to a referral at next possible time

REFER TO -

Community Mental Health Service

Weekdays: 8.00am - 4.30pm

4016 1327

Outside of the above times, present at Emergency at Innisfail Hospital, Rankin St. or phone the Acute Care Team at Cairns Hospital on 4226 3100
Adult, Child and Youth Mental Health (under 18)

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After hours as above.

Client's private practitioner if applicable

PEOPLE RARELY SUICIDE IN COMPANY – ORGANISE SUPPORT AND SERVICES

In an emergency

Emergency – Ambulance/Fire/Police....000
Ambulance – Non-emergency.....131 233
Hospital – Babinda.....4061 5999
Innisfail.....4016 1411
Policelink.....13 14 44
Police – Babinda.....4067 1120
Innisfail.....4061 5777
Fire Station – Babinda contact Innisfail (unmanned)
Innisfail..... 4061 0610
Mobile phones with no coverage.....112

When making a referral, the following should be said:
**“Hello, I’m from
I have a person with me who is at HIGH RISK OF SUICIDE**

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Other options for referral & assistance

ATODS Cairns.....	4226 3900
Cairns Integrated Adult MH Service.....	4226 3100
Centacare, Cairns.....	4044 0130
Community Support Centre Innisfail (9am-4pm)....	4043 8400
Dads in Distress.....	1300 853 437
DV Connect Mensline (9am-12am 7 days).....	1800 600 636
Elder Abuse Helpline.....	1300 651 192
headspace (Cairns).....	4041 3780
Mamu Health Service, Babinda.....	4067 1366
Ozcare Community Care, Cairns.....	1800 692 273
Parentline (8am-10pm, 7 days).....	1300 301 300
Pregnancy Counselling Link.....	1800 777 690
Qld Aids Council.....	1800 177 434
Qlife Helpline (3pm-midnight M-F).....	1800 184 527
Relationships Australia (8.30am-4.30pm).....	1300 364 277
School Guidance Officers.....	contact school
Sexual Assault Helpline (7.30am-11.30pm, 7 days)	1800 010 120
Uniting Care National Debt Helpline (9.30am-4.30pm M-F).....	1800 007 007
Wuchopperen Health Service Cairns.....	40801000
YETI.....	4051 4927
YouthLink.....	4031 6179

24 hour referral services:

13Health.....	1343 2584
Alcoholics Anonymous.....	1300 222 222
Alcohol & Drug Information Service.....	1800 177 833
ARAFMI Ltd (Mental Health Carers).....	1300 554 660
beyondblue Supportline.....	1300 224 636
Cairns Crisis Intervention/Service Access/Referral/Community Mental Health.....	1300 642 255
Child Safety Services.....	1800 177 135
Christian Channel Careline Team.....	1300 302 170
Family Drug Support.....	1300 368 186
Gambling Helpline Uniting Care.....	1800 858 858
headspace (9:00am-1:00am).....	1800 650 890
Innisfail Youth & Family Care.....	4061 2778
Kids Helpline.....	1800 551 800
Lifeline (lifeline.org.au – link to chat).....	13 11 14
Mens Line Australia.....	1300 789 978
Open Arms Veterans & Families Counselling.....	1800 011 046
Poisons Information Centre.....	13 11 26
Salvation Army.....	1800 913 917
StandBy Support After Suicide.....	0459 299 147
Suicide CallbackService.....	1300 659 467
Victims Counselling & Support.....	1300 139 703
Women's Domestic Violence Helpline (DV Connect).....	1800 811 811
Women's Domestic Violence Counselling...	1800 737 722