



06-04 Appendix A

Quick Reference Guide for Police Officers – Persons In Crisis

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Police Officer Encounters a person in crisis

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    Start[Police Officer Encounters a person in crisis] --> Q1{Arrest under CCC?}
    Q1 -- YES --> A1[Take into custody, if applicable  
Lay appropriate charge]
    Q1 -- NO --> Q2{Apprehend under s17 MHA?}
    Q2 -- YES --> A2[Take into custody  
Secure valuables/notify next of kin  
Take to psychiatric facility  
Complete TPS 710  
Give TPS 710 to nursing supv  
Complete eReport]
    Q2 -- NO --> Q3{Is the MCIT available?}
    Q3 -- YES --> A3[Brief MCIT on situation]
    Q3 -- NO --> Q4{Is Person aged 16 or older?}
    Q4 -- YES --> A4[Contact the Community Referral Police Access Line or alternate community resource  
(access TPS Mental Health Referrals Guide)  
Assist with support]
    Q4 -- NO --> A5[Determine if Child is in Need of Protection under Child and Family Services Act  
Comply with Procedure 04-41- Youth Crime Investigations, as appropriate]
                    
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Section 17 MHA – Action by Police Officer
Where a police officer has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a person is acting or has acted in a disorderly manner and has reasonable cause to believe that the person,

(a) has threatened or attempted or is threatening or attempting to cause bodily harm to himself or herself;
(b) has behaved or is behaving violently towards another person or has caused or is causing another person to fear bodily harm from him or her; or
(c) has shown or is showing a lack of competence to care for himself or herself,

and in addition the police officer is of the opinion that the person is apparently suffering from mental disorder of a nature or quality that likely will result in,

(d) serious bodily harm to the person;
(e) serious bodily harm to another person; or
(f) serious physical impairment of the person,

and that it would be dangerous to proceed under section 16 [Justice of the Peace Order for Examination, Form 2], the police officer may take the person in custody to an appropriate place for examination by a physician.

Note: There is no longer a requirement for a police officer to actually observe the person's behaviour and may use information obtained from a third party in order to form reasonable and probable grounds for apprehension. Police officers should obtain and record as much information as possible in situations involving third party reports and request that the complainant sign the officer's memorandum book.

COMMUNITY REFERRAL POLICE ACCESS LINE:
PUBLIC: (416) 248-4174

If Apprehending pursuant to a Form - MHA

- Obtain copy of Form-MHA
- Ensure still in effect
- Conduct a Person Query, including CPIC
- Notify ETF

If person in crisis is apprehended (prior to entry of Form-MHA on CPIC):

- Secure valuables/notify NOK
- Take to psychiatric facility
- Complete TPS 710
- Give Form and TPS 710 to nursing supervisor
- Complete eReport
- Complete TPS 228 if applicable

If unable to apprehend under Form - MHA

- Complete eReport
- Scan & attach Fax Form-MHA to eReport (RMS will enter on CPIC when report is transcribed)

If person in crisis apprehended on Form-MHA after CPIC entry made

- Add supplementary information to original eReport with details of apprehension (RMS will remove from CPIC when report is transcribed)

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