

Suicide Attempt/Threat

Armed Student or Person

- Speak calmly to the student or person
- Do not approach the student or person
- Do not attempt to confiscate the weapon
- Communicate and cooperate
- In a calm manner ask the student or person for permission to Evacuate any nearby students or other persons
- Do not leave the student alone without adult supervision if safe to do so

Suicide Threat

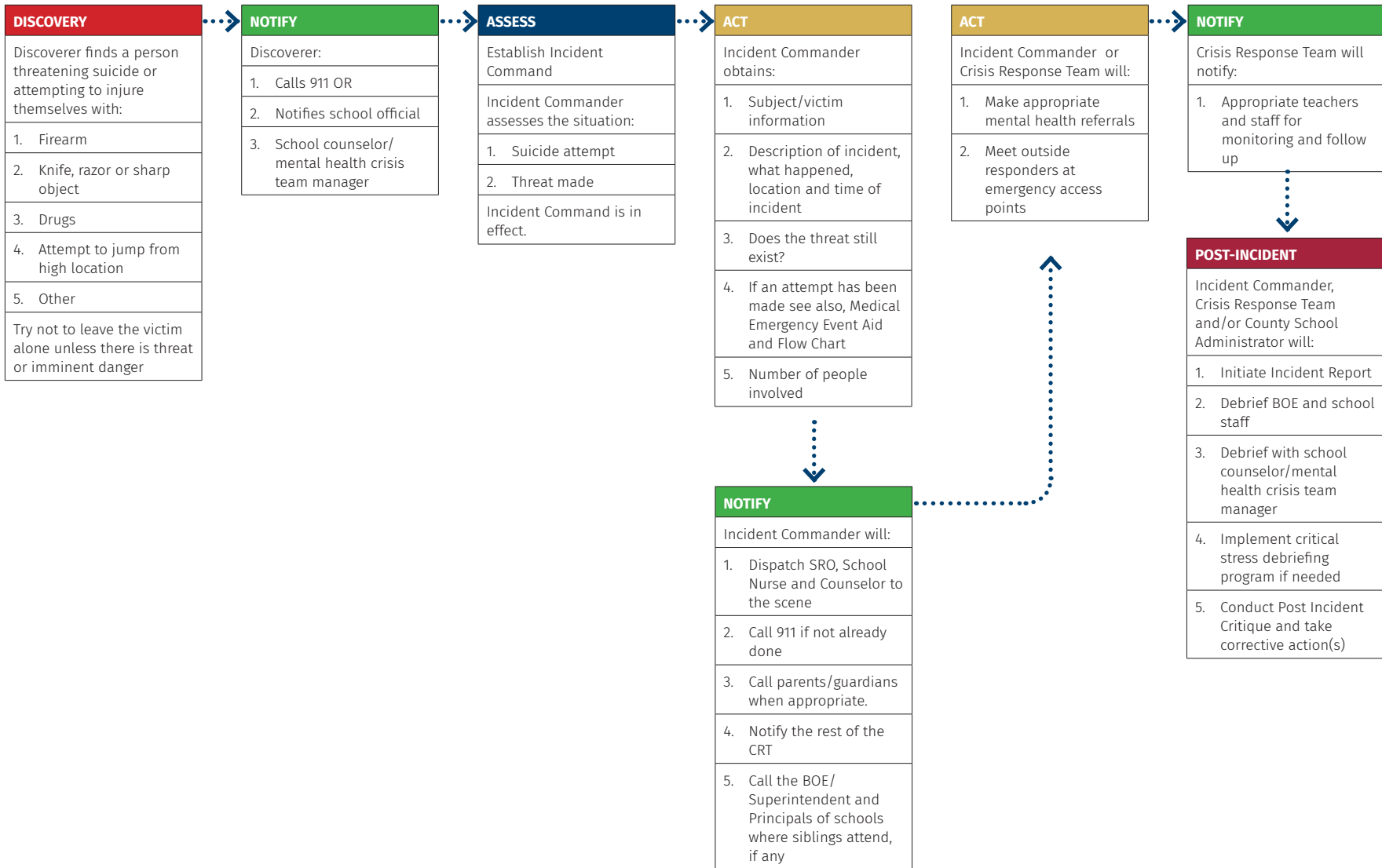
- Notify Principal's Office as soon as possible. Do not leave a voicemail, keep calling until you make personal contact
- Take the threat seriously, both from the student and his/her peers
- Anytime the risk of suicide exists, an appropriate trained professional, such as a school psychologist, counselor, or social worker should manage the situation
- Under no circumstances should an untrained individual attempt to assess the severity of a suicidal risk
- Staff members can also be at risk for self-destructive behavior; as with students, staff members' comments or gestures need to be considered carefully

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- Call 911
- Notify the Principal's Office as soon as possible; do not leave a voicemail, keep calling until you make personal contact
- Ensure the CRT is notified immediately
- If necessary, implement the appropriate emergency procedures (e.g. Evacuation or Lockdown) to ensure that students are not exposed to trauma or danger
- Remain with the situation, working to diffuse the crisis by staying calm
- Reassure everyone involved that everything possible is being done to return the situation to normal
- Be prepared to provide critical information to the emergency responders

Also see also Medical Emergency Event Aid and Flow Chart in the event of a suicide attempt.

Incident Commander	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 911 • Secure the scene and call the School Nurse • Remove any school occupants from the area • Call victim's parent, guardian or other adult listed on the emergency contact card • Contact BOE/Superintendent • File a report
Head Custodian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to the scene and assist the IC
School Nurse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to the scene • Treat the patient • Prepare for transportation to local health care facility • Provide medical update and any medical history to arriving paramedics or first responders
School Counselor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement annual suicide prevention efforts. • Establish awareness and staff protocols for assessing & responding to threats of suicide. • Contact parents and make appropriate referrals. • Establish and implement evidence-based protocols for the aftermath of a suicide. • Activate mental health response team to support affected students and parents. • Engage community resources to support efforts. See resource section of Addressing Mental Health in School Crisis Prevention and Response: A Resource Guide for West Virginia Schools
School Resource Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to the scene • Secure scene and keep spectators out of the area • Assist School Nurse • Meet ambulance at emergency access point
Evacuation Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to the scene and assist the IC
Reunification Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to the scene and assist the IC



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