

National Crisis Intervention Training Institute, Inc.
COLUMBIA-SUICIDE SEVERITY RATING SCALE
Screen with Triage Points for Law Enforcement

Ask questions that are in bold and underlined.	Past month	
	YES	NO
Ask Questions 1 and 2		
1) <u>Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?</u>		
2) <u>Have you had any actual thoughts of killing yourself?</u>		
If YES to 2, ask questions 3, 4, 5, and 6. If NO to 2, go directly to question 6.		
3) <u>Have you been thinking about how you might do this?</u> e.g. "I thought about taking an overdose but I never made a specific plan as to when where or how I would actually do it...and I would never go through with it."		
4) <u>Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?</u> as opposed to "I have the thoughts but I definitely will not do anything about them."		
5) <u>Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself? Do you intend to carry out this plan?</u>		
6) <u>Have you ever done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life?</u> Examples: Collected pills, obtained a gun, gave away valuables, wrote a will or suicide note, took out pills but didn't swallow any, held a gun but changed your mind or it was grabbed from your hand, went to the roof but didn't jump; or actually took pills, tried to shoot yourself, cut yourself, tried to hang yourself, etc. If YES, ask: <u>Was this within the past 3 months?</u>	Lifetime	
	Past 3 Months	

Response Protocol to C-SSRS Screening

<p>Item 1 Behavioral Health Referral and Crisis Numbers Item 2 Behavioral Health Referral and Crisis Numbers Item 3 Consider Further Mental Health Evaluation Item 4 Urgent Mental Health Evaluation with Escort Item 5 Urgent Mental Health Evaluation with Escort Item 6 Over 3 months ago: Consider Further Mental Health Evaluation Item 6 3 months ago or less: Urgent Mental Health Evaluation with Escort</p>
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Person in Crisis Name _____ Date _____ Location _____ RP _____

Evaluator's Notes _____

Disposition _____ Notifications Made (To Whom/Method) _____

___EMS ___ LEO Eval ___ MH Eval ___ EOD ___ Released ___ Referred to DOC Evaluator (Initials/Badge #) _____

Evaluator Name _____ Badge # _____ Agency _____ Direct Phone _____