

E22 PSYCHIATRIC/SUICIDE

KEY QUESTIONS	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS
Is the patient violent?	Protect self and the patient Do what is safe for you Don't turn your back Don't try to restrain the patient
Are Weapons Present?	Stay Clear, Do what is safe for you Advise responding units
Suicide Attempt?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanging: If Possible and safe, cut down, use jaw lift to open airway, refer to CPR if not breathing • Inhalation of fumes: If safe to do so, remove to fresh air • Bleeding or Wounds: Refer to Bleeding card
Suicide Threat?	CLICK HERE FOR POLICE PAI (ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS)

INCIDENT TYPES	
Unknown injuries/medical need and confirmed no active threat.	PSYCH F - Fire/EMS EDP - Police
Suicide ATTEMPT	SUIC ATTEMPT - Police Code the Fire/EMS type that most closely matches the injury
Serious Injuries - or - Police present requesting code 3 response	SUIC ATTEMPT - Police TRAU F - Fire / EMS
Suicide with a firearm	GSW F - Fire / EMS SUIC ATTEMPT - Police
Suicide THREAT ONLY - Refer to police suicide card	SUIC THREAT -Police (No fire / EMS response unless requested by police)
If this is a <u>Threat only</u> call in MCSO area, an MCSO Deputy must be enroute or on scene asking for standby of fire / EMS	

SECONDARY QUESTION	PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS
Cause of behavior?	Look for possible head injury, medical problem, drugs/alcohol

**Keep caller on the line if safe to do so
Notify Law Enforcement
Call back if anything Changes**

Remember: Review Police PAI for additional questions/instructions. [Click here for Police PAI](#)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Causes of Disruptive Behavior:

Alcohol and/or Drug Abuse Diabeties Endocrine disorders Head Injury Organic Brain Syndrome Psychiatric Disorders

Note:

Head injuries may present with abnormal behavior up to three weeks after initial trauma

Types of Psy psychiatric Behavior:

- Paranoia
 - Believes that people are plotting against him/her, planning to hurt or kill him/her
- Mania
 - May be severely agitated, moving around frantically, speaking rapidly but never finishing a sentence or complete thought
- Depression
 - Doesn't want to do anything, won't cooperate or answer questions
- Suicidal
 - Threatening to kill self, or made an attempt to kill self

Note:

Psychiatric patients often experience wide mood swings, calm one minute and violent the next.