

EMERGENCY INTERVENTION PROTOCOL WITH DANGEROUS INDIVIDUALS ON THE WHEELING UNIVERSITY CAMPUS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CALENDAR YEAR

In the event that an individual demonstrates dangerous behavior by way of direct threat, verbal or physical, and/or demonstrates disturbing behaviors that involve violent ideation to self or others inclusive of assertions of having committed violence or threat to self or others:

1. IMMEDIATELY report such danger to 911 emergency services and/or Campus Safety (304.243.2486). If contacted first, Campus Safety will oversee the coordination of safe transport of the individual to the emergency services facility, i.e., they will contact 911 if necessary.

2. Psychiatric evaluation by the physicians, psychiatrists, or other qualified healthcare professional of the nearest emergency room must be conducted to determine whether inpatient psychiatric treatment is required be it voluntary or involuntary. • If involuntary psychiatric petition is required, the individual(s) who witnessed the behaviors of danger inclusive of direct threat are to complete the forms for the probable cause determination and follow through with the process directed by the state of West Virginia mental hygiene commission. ER staff will assist and inform individuals filing the petition as to the form, the process and follow-up of probable cause hearing.

3. By nature the immediate danger must be addressed without delay and managed directly to ensure containment and safety of the campus community. This is accomplished by having the individual taken to the nearest emergency room in Ohio County. Notification of the WU Counseling Center Director is secondary to immediate containment and assessment by psychiatric healthcare professionals at the emergency room which is our primary concern.

http://www.uscwv.org/files/pdf/New_Involuntary_Committment_Forms.pdf