



Overview

Immediate and decisive intervention is needed when student behavior poses a threat to self or others, including:

- Suicidal gestures, intentions, or attempts
- Other behavior posing a threat to the student (e.g., hallucinations, drug abuse)
- Threats or aggression directed toward others
- Inability to care for oneself as evidenced by recent changes in behavior

Campus resources for responding to mental health emergencies are:

- University Police (256-824-6911)
- UAH Counseling Center (256-824-6203)
- Dean of Students Office (256-824-6700)

For consultation with a counselor, call 256-824-6203 or escort the student to the Counseling Center in Madison Hall 136.

If the student requires immediate medical attention or hospitalization, call the University Police (256-824-6911).

If the student is unmanageable (e.g., aggressive, hostile, refusing care) Call the University Police (256-824-6911) for assistance.

If you are directly threatened by a student or feel at risk, call the University Police (256-824-6911).

College deans and department heads should also be used as resources.

WHAT TO DO?
Move the student to a quiet and secure place.
Listen attentively, and respond in a straightforward and considerate way.
Enlist the help of a co-worker so that the student isn't left alone.
Make arrangements for appropriate university intervention.
When contacting a campus resource, have available as much information as possible, including your name; the student's name and location; a description of the circumstances and the type of assistance needed; the exact location of the student in the building; and an accurate description of the student.