

Appendix M

PSYCHOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

To report a Campus Emergency, contact:

	<u>Calling from on campus</u>	<u>Calling from off-campus/cell</u>
CCU Public Safety (PS)	Ext. 2911	(843)349-2911
When PS cannot be reached	Ext. 9-911	911

Also, know the locations of the Emergency Call Boxes and use them in the event of an emergency.

A psychological crisis exists when an individual is threatening harm to himself/herself or to others or is out of touch with reality due to severe drug reactions or a psychotic break. A psychotic break may be manifested by hallucinations, uncontrollable behavior, or the person could be a hospital walk-away.

When an administrator, faculty member, or student is aware of an individual with a psychological emergency, one should assess the level of crisis and respond using the following as guidelines:

When an individual is *making or threatening an attempt on his or her life* you should:

- Notify Public Safety of the situation immediately and clearly state that you need assistance; give your name, location, and description of the individual(s) involved. Public Safety will call Counseling Services for assistance.
- Appear calm and confident that you can help the individual.

When an individual is *seriously depressed and has given thought to ending his or her life, might have a plan and means for carrying out that plan, might have experienced traumatic situations and behavioral changes*, you should:

- Remain with the individual.
- Appear calm and confident that you can help the individual.
- If student, immediately escort the individual to Counseling Services or Public Safety.
- If employee, refer the employee to Human Resources, the employee’s supervisor, or Public Safety.