



HOW DOES AN EMERGENCY DETENTION (ED) WORK?

Law enforcement takes the person into custody because they have reason to believe the person has a mental illness and is a danger to self or others

Police transport the person to a hospital/health facility (usually an ER)

Police consult with the county's crisis service provider to determine if an emergency detention is necessary

Does crisis services determine that detention is necessary?

N

Detention ends,
and follow-up
resources given

Y

Does the person agree to
inpatient treatment?

N

Emergency
detention
continues

Y

Voluntary
hospitalization

Person requests
discharge or
refuses treatment

N

Person is discharged
from the hospital with
a discharge plan

Y

Does person
meet criteria?
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Hospital treatment
director initiates
emergency detention.
This is often referred to as a
"treatment director's hold."

**Commitment
Process Begins
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