

# DOES THIS SUICIDE SITUATION REQUIRE IMMEDIATE PASTORAL ASSISTANCE?

Is the guest expressing current or recent suicidal thoughts?

NO

## NO PASTOR NEEDED

It's a low moment, but not an emergency. Show care for them, pray for them, and encourage them to consider talking with a counselor.

YES

Have they expressed an intent to end their life, including a specific plan, method and timeline?

OR

Are they a minor?

YES

## EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

1. Notify your team leader about the situation.
2. Encourage the guest to reach out to [www.crisistextline.org](http://www.crisistextline.org).
3. Notify staff using team emergency channels.
4. **If the guest is a minor**, follow procedures for ministering to minors.

## NOT AN EMERGENCY

Express your care for them. Pray for them and share relevant resources with them. Encourage them to talk with a counselor.

NO

**On the fence about what to do?**

**It's better to err on the side of caution and contact staff.**

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