

COLUMBIA-SUICIDE SEVERITY RATING SCALE

Screening Version – Since Last Contact

SUICIDE IDEATION DEFINITIONS AND PROMPTS		Since Last Contact	
Ask questions that are bold and <u>underlined</u>		YES	NO
Ask Questions 1 and 2			
1) <u>Have you wished you were dead or wished you could go to sleep and not wake up?</u>			
2) <u>Have you actually had any thoughts of killing yourself?</u>			
If YES to 2, ask questions 3, 4, 5, and 6. If NO to 2, go directly to question 6			
3) <u>Have you been thinking about how you might do this?</u> E.g. "I thought about taking an overdose but I never made a specific plan as to when where or how I would actually do it....and I would never go through with it."			
4) <u>Have you had these thoughts and had some intention of acting on them?</u> As opposed to "I have the thoughts but I definitely will not do anything about them."			
5) <u>Have you started to work out or worked out the details of how to kill yourself and do you intend to carry out this plan?</u>			
6) <u>Have you done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life?</u> Examples: Collected pills, obtained a gun, gave away valuables, wrote a will or suicide note, took out pills but didn't swallow any, held a gun but changed your mind or it was grabbed from your hand, went to the roof but didn't jump; or actually took pills, tried to shoot yourself, cut yourself, tried to hang yourself, etc.			

Recommended Response Protocol to C-SSRS Screening

Item 1 Behavioral Health Referral

Item 2 Behavioral Health Referral

Item 3 Behavioral Health Referral and Consider Consultation (Psychologist/Social Worker) and Student Safety Precautions

Item 4 Student Safety Precautions and psychiatric evaluation by crisis team/EMT/Emergency room

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