

If my loved one is taken to Evaluation and Treatment Services (ETS) or another private psychiatric hospital, what does that mean?

Due to confidentiality laws, ETS or other hospitals will not release information on adults who are placed on a "5150 Hold."

However, here is some basic information that may help you understand this situation.

- An individual who has medical problems will be sent to a local emergency room for medical clearance before being transported to ETS or a psychiatric hospital.
- Clients who are admitted to ETS may only stay at the facility for no more than 23 hours. During this time, a psychiatrist evaluated the individual and decides if the individual may be discharged or will be transferred to a psychiatric hospital.
- An individual who has health insurance may be admitted directly to an appropriate psychiatric facility. The attending psychiatrist will evaluate and decide if a "5150 Hold" will be placed on the individual.
- If a child is placed on a hold, the minor's parents will be notified of his/her location by the hospital, police agency, or the person writing the hold.

Note: Children do not go to ETS.

What if my loved one is taken to jail?

If your loved one has committed a crime, he/she will be taken to the Orange County Jail (OCJ). You will need to contact OCJ directly to obtain more information. Use the phone numbers at the back of the pamphlet.

USEFUL RESOURCES

Orange County Jail
(General Population)
Orange County Sheriff's Department
Phone: (714) 647-4666
www.ocsd.org (click on eServices)

Orange County Jail
(Correctional Mental Health- for individuals
With significant mental illness)
Orange County Sheriff's Department
Phone: (714) 647-4666
www.ocsd.org (click on eServices)

Evaluation and Treatment Services- ETS
1030 West Warner Avenue
Santa Ana, CA 92707
Phone: (714)834-6913 or (714) 834-6900

County of Orange Adult Mental Health Services
(Westminster Location)
14140 Beach Blvd, Suite 155
Westminster, CA 92683
Phone: (714) 896-7566

OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
(714) 544-8488

Mental Health Association of Orange County
(714) 547-7559

Centralized Assessment Team
8:30am-5:30pm
(866) 830-6011

**Mental Illness
And
The Police:
What Do I Do?**



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service which
promotes public trust, confidence, and
safety"*

Buena Park Police Department
6640 Beach Blvd
Buena Park, CA 90620
Phone: 714-562-3902

Why did the police come to my house?

The police were called to respond to your situation. Our goal is to ensure everyone's safety and to help you and your family.

So why did the police arrest my loved one?

Sometimes, it is necessary to place an individual in police custody for their safety or if he/she has committed a crime.

Did the police arrest my loved one because he/she has a mental illness?

For safety reasons an individual can be placed on a "5150 Hold" if he/she is deemed a danger to himself/herself, a danger to others, or gravely disable.

What is a "5150 Hold"?

The "5150 Hold" is an involuntary, 72-hour observation period where medical professionals will evaluate the individual who has a mental illness. Anytime during the 72 hours, a psychiatrist may discharge the individual if there is no need for further hospitalization.

What is a "5250 Hold"?

If an individual needs further hospitalization beyond the 72-hour hold, a psychiatrist will place him/her under a "5250 Hold." This is a 14-day period in which further evaluations will be conducted. During this time, an individual can ask for hearing to determine if he/she should be discharged.

WHAT TO DO WHEN A LOVED ONE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS HAS BEEN ARRESTED

STEP 1: SUPPORT YOUR LOVED ONE

- When you get a call from your loved one saying he/she has been arrested, stay calm and offer your help and support.
- If he/she is at the Intake/Release Center at the Orange County Jail (at Santa Ana), he/she will be screened, evaluated, and treated by Correctional Mental Health Service staff.

STEP 2: CONTACT THE LOCAL JAIL

- **CITY JAIL:** Call the local city jail and ask for the Watch Commander. Explain that your loved one has mental illness, describe the diagnosis, medication issues, and any other concerns. Ask about your loved one's status and length of stay at this jail.

STEP 3: CONTACT THE COUNTY JAIL

- After your loved one arrives at the Orange County Jail, call (714) 647-4666 and inquire about his/her booking number, charges, court date and visitation hours. Information is also available online (see back page of pamphlet).

STEP 4: SEND A FAX (714) 647-7496

- Prepare a fax requesting that your loved one be screened for placement in the mental health unit. Begin your fax with:
 1. Your loved one's full legal name
 2. Date of birth
 3. Booking number & Location

- In the body of the fax, include:
 1. His/her diagnosis
 2. Psychiatrist's or treating physician's name, phone number and address.
 3. All current medication(s), dosage, and time of day to be administered.
 4. Information on medication that has proven to be ineffective or has dangerous side effects.
 5. Any history of suicide attempts or treats.
 6. Any other urgent medical conditions that might require immediate attention and medication currently prescribed for the conditions.
- **IMPORTANT: DO NOT** address any impending charges against your loved one in the fax. Medical information only.
- **Keep a copy of this fax for future reference.** If your loved one is transferred to a different facility, you will need to fax this information again.
- On the cover page, indicate whether your loved one has provided you with a written confidential waiver. If your loved one has not previously done so, ask that he/she be asked to sign one while in jail. The Jail Mental Health staff is prohibited by law from giving anyone information about a client's status unless they have the client's consent, but the staff can receive information from relatives or friends without the client's consent.
- Once your loved one has been booked, fax the document described above to the Mental Health Team (county jail only) at (714) 647-7496. Faxes can be sent 24 hours a day, seven days a week.