

Chapter: Rules for State-Operated Programs and Facilities	Effective Date: 4/15/15
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Rule: Suicide Prevention for Parole	Replaces: GAP.380.9190, 12/1/09
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RULE

(a) **Purpose.**

This rule establishes procedures for the protection of youth on parole in the community who may be at risk for suicide.

(b) **Applicability.**

This rule applies to all youth under the jurisdiction of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) who are assigned to parole in home placements.

(c) **Definitions.**

Definitions pertaining to this rule are under [§380.9187](#) of this title.

(d) **General Provisions.**

- (1) Any staff member who observes a youth engaging in suicidal behavior or ideation must immediately respond in a manner that protects youth safety.
- (2) If a staff member observes or becomes aware of a youth engaging in suicidal ideation, the staff member:
 - (A) immediately ensures that the following individuals are notified of the youth's behavior:
 - (i) the youth's parent/guardian (with the youth's consent if the youth is age 18 or older); and
 - (ii) the youth's parole officer; and
 - (B) provides the youth and/or parent/guardian information regarding community resources where a mental health professional may be consulted.
- (3) If a staff member observes or becomes aware of a youth engaging in suicidal behavior, the staff member:
 - (A) immediately ensures that the following are notified of the youth's behavior:
 - (i) the local mental health authority or local law enforcement, as appropriate;
 - (ii) the youth's parent/guardian (with the youth's consent if the youth is age 18 or older); and
 - (iii) the youth's parole officer;
 - (B) provides the youth and/or parent/guardian information regarding community resources where a mental health professional may be consulted; and
 - (C) refers the youth for emergency psychiatric placement in accordance with [§380.8771](#) of this title if the staff member determines, in consultation with the appropriate administrator, that the youth is in imminent danger of serious self-injury and is not receiving adequate treatment and supervision in the community.