

Self-Directed Violence Classification System*

Type	Sub-Type	Definition	Modifiers	Terms
Thoughts	Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence Ideation	Self-reported thoughts regarding a person's desire to engage in self-inflicted potentially injurious behavior. There is no evidence of suicidal intent. For example, persons engage in Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence Ideation in order to attain some other end (e.g., to seek help, regulate negative mood, punish others, to receive attention).	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence Ideation
	Suicidal Ideation	Thoughts of engaging in suicide-related behavior. For example, intrusive thoughts of suicide without the wish to die would be classified as Suicidal Ideation, Without Intent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Suicidal Intent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Without -Undetermined -With 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Suicidal Ideation, Without Suicidal Intent •Suicidal Ideation, With Undetermined Suicidal Intent •Suicidal Ideation, With Suicidal Intent
Behaviors	Preparatory	Acts or preparation towards engaging in Self-Directed Violence, but before potential for injury has begun. This can include anything beyond a verbalization or thought, such as assembling a method (e.g., buying a gun, collecting pills) or preparing for one's death by suicide (e.g., writing a suicide note, giving things away). For example, hoarding medication for the purpose of overdosing would be classified as Suicidal Self-Directed Violence, Preparatory.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Suicidal Intent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Without -Undetermined -With 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence, Preparatory •Undetermined Self-Directed Violence, Preparatory •Suicidal Self-Directed Violence, Preparatory
	Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence	Behavior that is self-directed and deliberately results in injury or the potential for injury to oneself. There is no evidence, whether implicit or explicit, of suicidal intent. For example, persons engage in Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence in order to attain some other end (e.g., to seek help, regulate negative mood, punish others, to receive attention).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Injury: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Without -With -Fatal •Interrupted by Self or Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence, Without Injury •Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence, Without Injury, Interrupted by Self or Other •Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence, With Injury •Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence, With Injury, Interrupted by Self or Other •Non-Suicidal Self-Directed Violence, Fatal
	Undetermined Self-Directed Violence	Behavior that is self-directed and deliberately results in injury or the potential for injury to oneself. Suicidal intent is unclear based upon the available evidence. For example, the person is unable to admit positively to the intent to die (e.g., unconsciousness, incapacitation, intoxication, acute psychosis, disorientation, or death); OR the person is reluctant to admit positively to the intent to die for other or unknown reasons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Injury: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Without -With -Fatal •Interrupted by Self or Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Undetermined Self-Directed Violence, Without Injury •Undetermined Self-Directed Violence, Without Injury, Interrupted by Self or Other •Undetermined Self-Directed Violence, With Injury •Undetermined Self-Directed Violence, With Injury, Interrupted by Self or Other •Undetermined Self-Directed Violence, Fatal
	Suicidal Self-Directed Violence	Behavior that is self-directed and deliberately results in injury or the potential for injury to oneself. There is evidence, whether implicit or explicit, of suicidal intent. For example, a person with the wish to die cutting her wrists with a knife would be classified as Suicide Attempt, With Injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Injury: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Without -With -Fatal •Interrupted by Self or Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Suicide Attempt, Without Injury •Suicide Attempt, Without Injury, Interrupted by Self or Other •Suicide Attempt, With Injury •Suicide Attempt, With Injury, Interrupted by Self or Other •Suicide

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Key Terms	<p><i>Self-Directed Violence:</i> Behavior that is self-directed and deliberately results in injury or the potential for injury to oneself.</p> <p><i>Suicidal Intent:</i> There is past or present evidence (implicit or explicit) that an individual wishes to die, means to kill him/herself, and understands the probable consequences of his/her actions or potential actions. Suicidal intent can be determined retrospectively and in the absence of suicidal behavior.</p> <p><i>Physical Injury:</i> A (suspected) bodily lesion resulting from acute overexposure to energy (this can be mechanical, thermal, electrical, chemical, or radiant) interacting with the body in amounts or rates that exceed the threshold of physiological tolerance. In some cases an injury results from an insufficiency of vital elements, such as oxygen. Acute poisonings and toxic effects, including overdoses of substances and wrong substances given or taken in error are included, as are adverse effects and complications of therapeutic, surgical and medical care. Psychological injury is excluded in this context.</p> <p><i>Interrupted By Self or Other:</i> A person takes steps to injure self but is stopped by self/another person prior to fatal injury. The interruption may occur at any point.</p> <p><i>Suicide Attempt:</i> A non-fatal self-inflicted potentially injurious behavior with any intent to die as a result of the behavior.</p> <p><i>Suicide:</i> Death caused by self-inflicted injurious behavior with any intent to die as a result of the behavior.</p>
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