

Disclosing personal information because of a serious threat

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You may disclose information if it is necessary to do so to prevent or lessen a serious threat to public health or safety or the life or health of the person the information is about.

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You must believe the disclosure will result in the prevention or lessening of the serious threat.



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This means the disclosure must be made to an agency that has the ability to act lawfully on it. Some examples are: the Police, emergency psychiatric services, or another agency the person is working with.

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The likelihood, severity of consequences, and immediacy of the threat must all be assessed when deciding if a threat is serious.