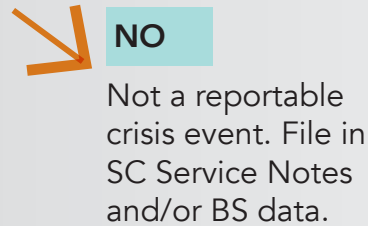
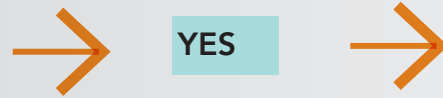


# Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) BAS CRISIS EVENT INCIDENT DECISION TREE

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Has participant exhibited levels of extremely problematic behaviors that would present a danger to self or others or property destruction?



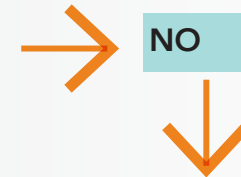
# CRISIS EVENT

## Answer Guiding Questions

Is this a typical or historical behavior?  
Is this setting accepting/accommodating of the behavior?

Was the intervention minimal or something that anyone w/o experience could implement?

Answer YES to two or more of the above questions and follow Yes arrows. If not, follow No arrow.



Complete a Crisis Event incident report in HCSIS (and other linked reports as applicable)



**YES**

Has event led to one of the following:  
law enforcement involvement;  
hospitalization;  
and/or emergency room visit?



**YES**

Complete the appropriate incident(s) in HCSIS: Law Enforcement; hospitalization; or emergency room



**NO**

Not a reportable crisis event. File in SC Service Notes and/or BS data.

Please submit questions regarding this Service Guidance Document to BAS at [RA-basprovidersupprt@pa.gov](mailto:RA-basprovidersupprt@pa.gov)

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# Adult Autism Waiver (AAW)

## BAS CRISIS EVENT INCIDENT DECISION TREE

### EXAMPLES

Roberto is with his Community Inclusion staff (Sue) in a crowded mall. Roberto wants to leave the mall, but Sue does not see the precursors that Roberto wants to leave (e.g., loud vocalizations, mild hand biting). They continue shopping. While standing in line at the check out counter, Roberto slaps and grabs the hair of a shopper in line next to them. Sue intervenes but is unable to quickly de-escalate the situation. Mall security responds and the shopper requests that the local police are called as well. Police respond, but the shopper agrees not to press charges against Roberto.

**Determination:** Crisis Event & Law Enforcement Activity – setting was problematic, injury to another, police involvement – at risk for incarceration

James is at home with his mother and his Behavioral Specialist. Mom requested that James empty the dishwasher and take out the trash. James slammed his fist on the kitchen counter, began cursing and yelling that he is sick of his mother telling him what to do all while pacing back and forth in the kitchen. He continued yelling and cursing for several minutes, until the Behavioral Specialist was able to calm him through assisting him to use calming strategies (deep breathing). James calmed and then apologized to his mother.

**Determination:** No Crisis Event – with minimal intervention the situation was successfully resolved with no injury to self, others, or property destruction; setting was accepting/accommodating

Beth is at her group home and not engaged in any activities. She goes to her room, breaks a CD and makes a superficial scratch on her arm. She comes down and shows her staff her arm. Staff called the Behavioral Specialist, who arrived at the home within 20 minutes. When Behavioral Specialist arrived Beth was outside listening to music on her iPod and refused to speak with the Behavioral Specialist. The Behavioral Specialist and staff decided to call 911. Beth was taken to the local emergency room for evaluation and then voluntarily admitted for a psychiatric hospitalization.

**Determination:** No Crisis Event – No immediate intervention was needed, event resolved prior to more intrusive intervention (i.e. calling 911), historical behavior in order to gain attention, File psychiatric hospitalization

