

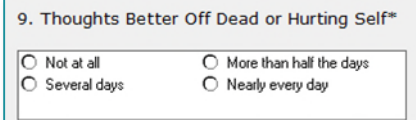
**Universal suicide risk screening is performed at each visit for patients 12 years and older. Patients who screen positive for risk of suicide require further screening and assessment with the provider for further intervention as needed, including safety planning.**

### Initial Suicide Risk Screening Questions

During intake, complete the PHQ2 Plus or Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Screening (EPDS) with the patient. If appropriate, complete the full PHQ9/PHQA including, four additional questions at the bottom of the PHQA.

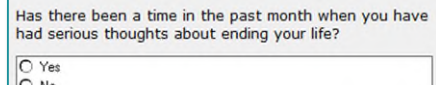
**STEP 1:** Suicide Risk Screening Questions, positive screen is indicated when:

- **PHQ9/PHQA:** A response of **anything other than, not at all**, for Item 9, **Thoughts Better off dead or hurting self**.
- **PHQA:** A **Yes** response to additional suicide questions at the bottom, **Has there been a time in the past month when you have had serious thoughts about ending your life? Or Have you EVER, in your WHOLE LIFE, tried to kill yourself or made a suicide attempt?**
- **EPDS:** A response of anything other than, **Never**, to Item 10, **The thought of harming myself has occurred to me**.



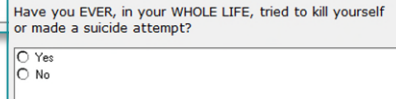
9. Thoughts Better Off Dead or Hurting Self\*\*

Not at all       More than half the days  
 Several days       Nearly every day



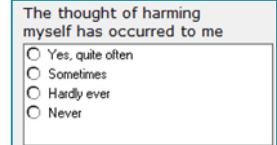
Has there been a time in the past month when you have had serious thoughts about ending your life?

Yes  
 No



Have you EVER, in your WHOLE LIFE, tried to kill yourself or made a suicide attempt?

Yes  
 No

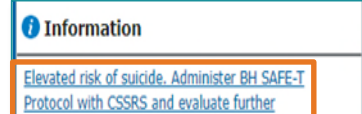


The thought of harming myself has occurred to me

Yes, quite often  
 Sometimes  
 Hardly ever  
 Never

**STEP 2:** If a **positive** response to any of the screening questions, a **SmartZone alert** fires for the provider to complete the **BH SAFE-T Protocol with CSSRS PowerForm**.

- Clinical staff will communicate to provider if there is a positive response to an initial screening question.



**Information**

Elevated risk of suicide. Administer BH SAFE-T Protocol with CSSRS and evaluate further

**NOTE:** If patient scores a 5 or above on the Depression Screening, the Depression Follow- Up Plan SmartZone alert may also fire. For more information on how to address the alert, click [here](#).

### BH SAFE-T w/CSSRS Assessment PowerForms

Further suicide risk screening is required by the provider if there is an elevated risk of suicide in response to an initial screening question.

- There are two BH SAFE-T PowerForms, initial and reassessment; the SmartZone alert will automatically prompt the appropriate assessment for the provider to complete.
  - **Initial Assessment:** CSSRS Screener is completed when a full BH SAFE-T assessment has never been documented by someone at Northern Light Health.

- **CSSRS Screener** asks the **lifetime Suicidal Behavior** question (6a) which, if positive, will prompt the provider to complete a full assessment.
- **Reassessment: CSSRS Since Last Asked Screener** is completed once a full assessment is already documented in Cerner, with an **Assessed Risk Level**, by someone at Northern Light Health.
  - **CSSRS Since Last Asked** screens for **imminent risk**. If the patient had suicidal behaviors in their lifetime, but not since last asked, it may not require a full assessment.

**NOTE:** The lifetime Suicidal Behavior question (6a) will populate at the top of the CSSRS Since Last Asked Screener, for historical reference. This is not a part of the Since Last Asked Screener.

6a. Have you ever done anything, started to do anything, or prepared to do anything to end your life? (ref)

Lifetime, yes  
 Lifetime, no

### ➤ Low Risk Screening BH SAFE-T Protocol with CSSRS

When a risk screening indicates a low risk, further assessment is not needed unless the provider feels further assessment is needed.

**STEP 1:** Complete the **CSSRS Screener/CSSRS Since Last Asked Screener**.

**NOTE:** The Screener auto-calculates the Screened Suicide Risk Level. If **Low Risk**, a conditional section populates stating that patient is **Low Risk- No Assessment Needed**.

**STEP 2:** Close the **Low Risk** window and select the **green checkmark** to **Sign** the Form.

### ➤ Moderate or High-Risk Screening – BH SAFE-T Protocol with CSSRS

When a risk screening indicates a moderate or high risk, further assessment is needed to determine a patient's suicide risk level.

**STEP 1:** Complete **Asmt - Risk Factors and Behaviors** section.

**STEP 2:** Complete **Asmt - Protective Factors** section.

**STEP 3:** Select **Asmt - Risk Stratification** section.

**STEP 4:** Select applicable responses, starting at high risk.

- Refer to responses in previous sections to determine the most appropriate boxes to select.

**STEP 5:** Indicate **Risk Interventions** used.

**STEP 6:** Select the **Asmt - Risk Level** section.

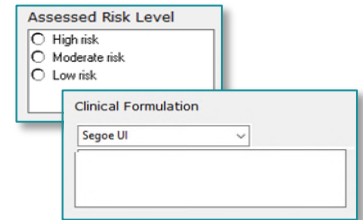
**High Risk**  
High Risk  
 Suicidal ideation with intent, plan in past month  
 Suicidal behavior within past 3 months  
Possible High Risk Interventions Only choose Interventions that are applicable to your area of care.  
 Assessment of patient's medical stability  
 Observation status  
 Elopement precautions  
 Body/Belongings search  
 Pharmacological treatment  
 Family/Significant other engagement  
 Psychotherapy (CBT, DBT)  
 Psychoeducation (coping skills, stress management)  
 Safety Plan Provided  
 Telephone follow-up upon discharge  
 Emergency department  
 Provide 988 Suicide and Crisis Line  
 Contact Crisis: 988  
 Other:

**Moderate Risk**  
Moderate Risk Only choose Interventions that are applicable to your area of care.  
 Suicidal ideation WITHOUT plan, intent or behavior in past month  
 Suicidal behavior more than 3 months ago  
 Multiple risk factors and few protective factors  
Possible Moderate Risk Interventions  
 Pharmacological treatment  
 Psychotherapy (CBT, DBT)  
 Psychoeducation (coping skills, stress management, symptoms management, etc.)  
 Engagement with family member or significant other  
 Safety Plan Provided  
 Provide 988 Suicide and Crisis Line  
 Emergency department  
 Other:

**Low Risk**  
Low Risk Only choose Interventions that are applicable to your area of care.  
 Suicidal ideation more than 1 month ago WITHOUT plan, intent or behavior (CSSRS screen #2 or #3)  
 Wish to die (CSSRS Suicidal Ideation #1) WITHOUT plan, intent or behavior  
 Modifiable risk factors and strong protective factors  
 No reported history of suicidal ideation or behavior  
Possible Low Risk Interventions  
 Contact Crisis: 988  
 Provide 988 Suicide and Crisis Line  
 Reassess at treatment plan review  
 Optional Safety Plan  
 Other:

**STEP 7:** Complete the **Assessed Risk Level** and **Clinical Formulation**.

**NOTE:** Use auto text `/bh_safet-t_assessment` to populate the risk level and clinical formulation in the note.



The image shows two overlapping form windows. The top window is titled 'Assessed Risk Level' and contains three radio button options: 'High risk', 'Moderate risk', and 'Low risk'. The bottom window is titled 'Clinical Formulation' and features a dropdown menu currently set to 'Segoe UI' and a large empty text area below it.

## **Safety Plan**

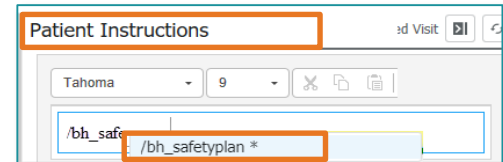
If an assessment is performed and patient is determined safe to go home, a safety plan is completed.

**STEP 1:** Complete **Safety Plan** section with the patient.

- If it has previously been completed, the information auto populates; review and update as needed.

**STEP 2:** Enter in **Patient Instructions**, auto text `/bh_safetyplan`.

- Print the **Ambulatory Patient Summary** to provide the patient the Safety Plan information.



The image shows a screenshot of a software interface. At the top, a window titled 'Patient Instructions' is open. Below the title bar, there are fields for 'Tahoma' and '9'. A text input field contains the auto-text code `/bh_safet-t_assessment` followed by `/bh_safetyplan *`. The text input field is highlighted with an orange border.

**NOTE:** **Ambulatory Visit summaries** are also available in the patient portal.