

Suicide Assessment - SLAP Method

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How **SPECIFIC** is the plan of attack? The more specific the details relate, the higher the degree of present risk.

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How **LETHAL** is the proposed method? How quickly could the person die if the plan is implemented? The greater the level of lethality, the greater the risk.

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How **AVAILABLE** is the proposed method? If the tool to be used is readily available, the level of suicide risk is greater.

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What is the **PROXIMITY** of helping resources? Generally, the greater the distance the person is from helping resources, –if the plan were implemented, the greater the degree of risk.

Warning: Knowing the SLAP method does not necessarily make one an expert in assessing suicide risk!

NOTE: The SLAP Method was developed by Dr. Kenneth Morris.