

How to complete a petition for emergency commitment

Who can complete this document?

- Any sober person 18 + years
- The person with the most first hand information

Why complete a petition?

- Concern for physical harm to self or others

Form Example

IN THE MATTER OF _____)
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PETITION FOR
EMERGENCY COMMITMENT

I, _____, under penalty of perjury, state the following:

1. I believe, on the basis of personal knowledge, that _____ is, as a result of mental illness, a danger to self or others and in such condition that immediate intervention is necessary.

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- The first blank is the individuals full name
- The second blank is the name of the individual completing the petition
- The third blank is the individuals name again (ensure it matches the top).

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How to Answer

Danger to Self

Danger to Others

2. The specific nature of the danger is:

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How to Answer

This is a statement of what was witnessed first hand and why the nature of immediate intervention should take place. This section would be an area for more details. This question relates to:

the statements, behavior, historical information that the petitioner knows.

Why do you believe immediate intervention is needed?

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3. In summary, I believe such danger exists based on the following information:

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4. The above person came to my attention based on these facts:

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- This is a statement of how you are aware of the individual.
 - Attendance at medical appointment
 - Attendance at school
 - Lives with petitioner
 - Pulled over for speeding
 - Friend

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How to Answer

5. Petitioner's interest in this case is:

- How is the petitioner associated with the individual?
 - Medical Provider/Nurse
 - Police Officer
 - Mother/Father/Guardian
 - Other Family Member
 - Teacher/School Counselor
 - Friend

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Demographic information
If information is unknown
mark "NA"

6. Information as to the above person to be evaluated is as follows:

Address:

County of residence:

Age/DOB:

Marital status:

Occupation:

Veteran (Yes ___ No ___)

Name of nearest relative(s) (or guardian):

Address of nearest relative(s) (or guardian):

Phone contact number for nearest relative(s)(or guardian):

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This form does not need to be notarized.

7. I have read the foregoing Petition and know the contents of it. I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the state of South Dakota that the foregoing is true and correct.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner asks that this matter be brought on for hearing pursuant to the terms of SDCL 27A-10 and the South Dakota emergency commitment procedures.

Executed on this _____ day of _____, 20____, in Beadle County, South Dakota.

Petitioner

Address

Telephone number