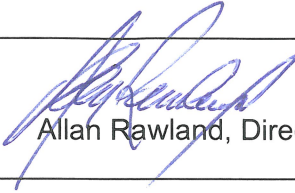


# County of San Bernardino Department of Behavioral Health

## 5150/5585 Transportation Procedure

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### Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is twofold:

- To establish procedures to transport a person under 5150 or 5585 to a Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) designated facility for evaluation
  - To establish guidelines to transport persons who, as the result of a mental disorder, are exhibiting the following behaviors or a combination of these behaviors:
    - A danger to self or others
    - Gravely disabled
    - Gravely disabled minors
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### Definitions

**Dangerous Behaviors** means a client is actively engaging in the types of behaviors listed below. These examples include, but are not limited to:

- Threats of or actual violence
- Property destruction where there is actual or a potential for injury to self or others
- Engaging in suicidal behaviors, gestures, or ideations
- Dangerous to others as evidenced by ideation, threats, or gestures

**Combative Behaviors** include assaultive, threatening, property destruction, etc.

**Unsafe Behaviors** means a client will harm self, such as having ideations or running toward a busy street or into traffic.

**5150/5585 Hold** is the civil procedure under the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) for the involuntary detention and safe transport of an individual to an LPS designated facility within a reasonable period of time, when that individual is deemed to have a mental disorder that makes him or her a danger to him or her self, and/or others, and/or gravely disabled.

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## 5150/5585 Transportation Procedure, Continued

**Procedure**

When authorized staff has placed an individual on a 5150/5585 hold, the steps below should be followed for transportation.

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1	Authorized staff complete 5150/5585 paperwork for clients assessed as requiring evaluation at an LPS designated facility.										
2	<p>Referring staff determine if an ambulance or law enforcement is needed to transport the client, as follows:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">If Client...</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Then Staff ...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Requires emergency medical attention</td> <td>Call 911</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Is combative</td> <td>Call 911 and request law enforcement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Runs away while on 5150/5585 Hold as defined</td> <td>Call 911 and request law enforcement</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Note:</b> Staff will make the 5150/5585 application available to law enforcement, if requested, under HIPAA guidelines. Staff will fax or hand-carry medical specifics to the destination facility under HIPAA guidelines.</p>	If Client...	Then Staff ...	Requires emergency medical attention	Call 911	Is combative	Call 911 and request law enforcement	Runs away while on 5150/5585 Hold as defined	Call 911 and request law enforcement		
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### Risk Assessment

Prior to transport, clinical staff need to conduct a risk assessment, as follows:

- Assess the client to determine if it is safe for clinical staff members to transport
- Check with the Clinic Supervisor or Clinical Technician II to determine if one (1) or two (2) clinical staff will transport the client

**Note:** Two (2) clinical staff members should usually transport the client.

- Ensure the client does not possess or wear harmful items, such as weapons, lighters, razor blades, etc.

**Note:** Clients who are a danger to self or a danger to others are not to be sent away from the facility while in possession of a weapon. Instead, law enforcement should be contacted for such clients and asked to aid in the evaluation and to take possession of any weapons the client may carry.

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### Reference

Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 5150 and 5585

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### Related Policy or Procedure

DBH Standard Practice Manual CLP0829: [5150/5585 Transportation Policy](#)  
DBH Standard Practice Manual CLP0818: [Policies Regarding Authorization and Designation Pursuant to the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act](#)  
DBH Standard Practice Manual BOP3015-1: [Vehicle Use Procedure](#)

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