

A Crisis Toolkit:

Collaboration in Navigating International Student Crises

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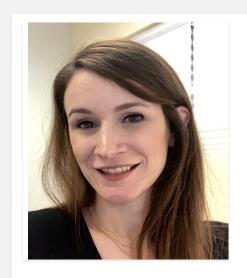
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Exploring Crisis "Management"







Actions needed vary dramatically based on circumstances



Best way to prepare is to think through scenarios in advance



Crisis scenarios help us identify the resources and collaborators we need



Goal is to return to your campus with an action plan to research and reach out to collaborators

Actions Needed for Managing Crises



Using a Rubric to Create a Crisis Toolkit

Consider the What? Where? When? How? Who? Of the crisis

Think about your role and responsibilities vs that of others

Who do you need to know:

- on campus
- in the community
- in the government/legal realm

What actions can you take now to:

- Help prevent the crisis in the first place
- Reduce the damage during the crisis
- Prepare to clean up from each type of crisis when it happens?



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CRISIS # 1: Hate/Discrimination Case

A Chinese student, new this semester, reports incidents of being asked by other students about stealing information to "take back to China" or being a spy. The student shares that they thought they were jokes at first, but the comments persist, causing the student to feel unwelcome or threatened at times. According to the student, their instructors appear to notice, but do not intervene.





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CRISIS # 2:

Domestic Violence Case

A student and his girlfriend (both international students) have a very tumultuous relationship. Campus police have been called multiple times to intervene when they were loud and physical on campus. Campus police have notified the international office about the situation and warns that next time there will be an arrest.





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CRISIS # 3:

Health/Medical Emergency

Four international students travel to Las Vegas over Thanksgiving Break. They are driving at night in a rented vehicle. The driver swerves off of the road to avoid a coyote. Two students are banged up but are generally okay. One student is not wearing their seatbelt and is thrown from the car and dies. The student in the passenger seat is severely hurt and is in the ICU. She is in a hospital outside of Las Vegas when one of the students calls and tells you what has happened.



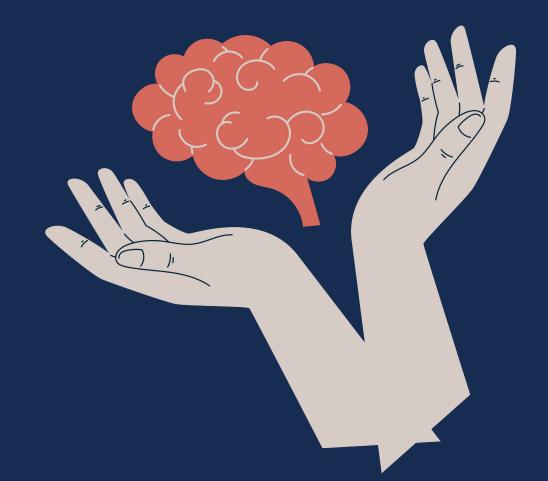


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CRISIS # 4: Mental Health Case

A student becomes manic after discontinuing medication for Bipolar Disorder. She stops attending class. Residence Life is notified after several manic incidents in the dorm. A decision is made by several campus offices that the student needs to return home to continue treatment and take a leave of absence from school. The student has an episode at the airport, refuses to board the plane and is put on a 72-hour psych hold at a facility



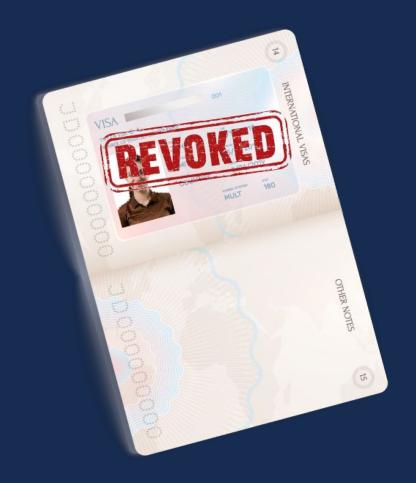


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CRISIS # 5: Immigration Case

One of your Egyptian PhD students has been taken into ICE custody and is in a detention facility. He is in legal J-1 status on your DS-2019, but is being told by ICE that his visa has been "revoked." His current visa, DS-2019, and I-94 are all valid (although he had previously been on a Fulbright DS-2019 for his Master's program). You attempt to contact ICE, but no one will give you any information. The student has no money to hire an attorney. The student has committed no crime or immigration violation. The entire Muslim community both on and off campus is calling regarding his situation.





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References

FEMA.gov

Study in the States

https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov

Department of State

https://jlvisa.state.gov

Find an immigration attorney

https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov

Links to your school's website

Community resources

Telecounseling resources



Helpful Tools



Emergency Alert System



Crisis Management Team

TITLE IV Support



Self-Assessment / Self-Help Tools

- 1. Counseling and Psychological Services
 - a. <u>CAPS Crisis Response Team</u>
 - b. <u>Self-Help Resources</u>
- 2. <u>University of Michigan Online Screening Tool</u>



Hotline & Services

Emergency Line	911
Suicide & Crisis Lifeline https://988lifeline.org	988
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National Domestic Violence Hotline http://www.thehotline.org	1-800-799-SAFE
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It Gets Better Project (LGBTQ) www.itgetsbetter.org/pages/get-help	1-866-4-U-TREVOR
Crisis Text Line http://www.crisistextline.org	Text 741-741



NAFSA: Services

NAFSA has an excellent International Student and Scholar Services Checklist for each of the categories we have gone over today.

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