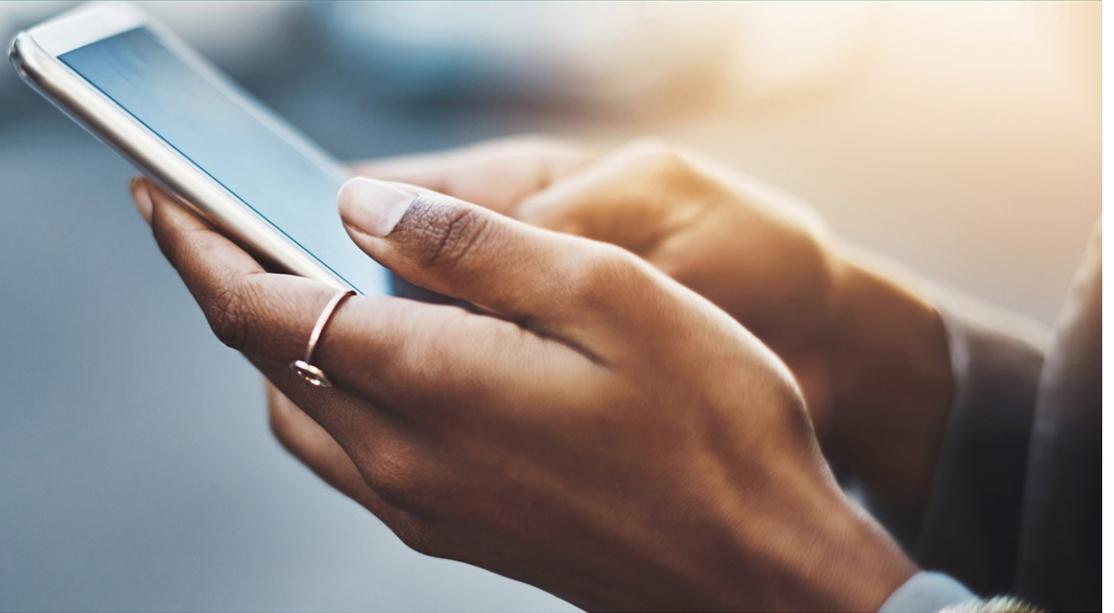


988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline:

What 911, Fire, EMS, and First Responders Need to Know



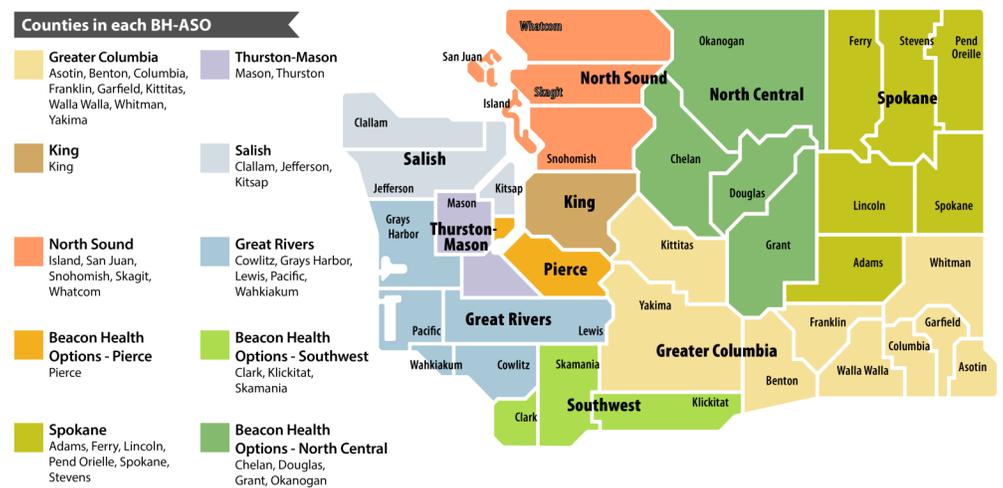
On July 16, 2022, Washington will join the rest of the United States in using the 988 dialing code — the new three-digit number for call, text, or chat that connects people to the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL). People can dial 988 if they are having thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crises, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support. Prior to July 2022, NSPL crisis centers were accessed by calling 1-800-273-TALK (8255). This number will remain active during the transition to 988.

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Continue to use your current processes for connecting with regional behavioral health crisis services, such as your regional crisis line and/or mobile response. You can continue to access those services the same way you always have.

See the map of service areas for Washington's Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organizations (BH-ASOs).

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Behavioral health crisis services are administered and coordinated by BH-ASOs in the regions identified in this map. Contact the BH-ASO through the regional crisis line for more information on services available. **(Click the map for a list of county crisis lines.)**

