

# Mental illness prevention

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

**METEOR identifier:** 495000

**Registration status:** [Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

**Definition:** Mental illness prevention includes services that work to prevent the onset of mental disorders, in order to reduce the incidence and prevalence of mental illness in the community. Mental illness prevention activities are directed at reducing known risk factors and/or preventing people that display early signs of mental illness from developing a diagnosable mental illness. These activities can be either population-wide or targeted at vulnerable segments of the community.

In contrast to [Mental health promotion](#), which seeks to enhance the population's mental health, Mental illness prevention aims to prevent the development of mental illness.

**Context:** Mental health non-government organisation establishments service type taxonomy.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** *Distinguishing features:*

- Population-based
- Vulnerable segments of the community
- Typically long-term activities

*Inclusions:*

- Mental illness prevention activities

*Exclusions:*

- Mental health promotion activities (these are reported under [Mental health promotion](#))

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [Mental illness prevention](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 16/01/2020

See also [Mental health non-government organisation service type code N\[N\]](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

**Metadata items which use this glossary item:** [Mental health non-government organisation establishments NBEDS 2015-](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014

[Mental health non-government organisation grants cluster](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

[Mental health promotion](#)  
[Health](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

[Mental illness prevention mental health service type cluster](#)  
[Health](#), Standard 13/11/2014