

Prison entrant—at risk of suicide or self-harm indicator, prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	At risk of suicide or self-harm indicator
METEOR identifier:	631722
Registration status:	Health , Standard 28/04/2016
Definition:	An indicator of whether a prison entrant has been identified as being at risk of suicide or self-harm, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Prison entrant—at risk of suicide or self-harm indicator
Value Domain:	Prisoner health yes/no/unknown code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Unknown

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	For use in Prisoner health data collections. If this value domain is used with other metadata then 'Unknown' would map to code 8.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Self-harm is when a person deliberately inflicts physical harm to themselves, often in secret and without anyone else knowing about it. Self-harm is not necessarily a suicide attempt, although it may include suicidal behaviour.
Comments:	Entry to prison can be a time of increased vulnerability and risk of suicide or self-harming behaviours. All prisoners upon reception into prison are assessed to identify those at current risk of suicide or self-harm. These prisoners are then provided with closer observation and monitoring.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: Kirchner T, Forns M & Mohino S 2008. Identifying the risk of deliberate self-harm among young prisoners by means of coping typologies. Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior 38(4):442-48.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Supersedes [Prison entrant—at risk of suicide or self-harm indicator, yes/no code N](#) [Health](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Prison entrants NBEDS](#) [Health](#), Standard 28/04/2016

DSS specific information:

In this NBEDS, risk of suicide/self-harm includes those who have expressed intent to self-harm or commit suicide.

This data element is included in the Prisoner health NBEDS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators include the indicator: Proportion of prison entrants identified as currently at risk of suicide or self-harm.

[Prison entrants NBEDS 2018](#)
[Health](#), Qualified 07/03/2024

DSS specific information:

This data element corresponds to the following question of the Prison Entrants Form:

37. Question for the health professional completing the assessment: has this person been identified as currently at risk of suicide/self-harm?

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[Prison entrants NBEDS 2022](#)
[Health](#), Qualified 06/07/2023

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This data element corresponds to the following questions of the Prison Entrants Form:

48. Question for the health professional completing the assessment: Has the prisoner been identified as currently at risk of suicide/self-harm?