

Emergency Commitment to Detox (up to 5 day hold)

Definition: An Emergency Commitment to an ADAD-licensed detoxification program can be placed on an individual who:

1. Is intoxicated [alcohol or drugs] and clearly dangerous to the health and safety of himself/herself or others
2. Is incapacitated [due to alcohol or drug use] and clearly dangerous to the health and safety of herself/himself or others

Procedure:

1. Any responsible party over the age of 18 years can apply for an Emergency Commitment provided they witnessed the behavior of the person they wish to commit
2. The application must be specific as to how the client was endangering self or others, including:
 - Specific facts in the present or recent past supporting that the individual is abusing alcohol or drugs
 - Specific facts showing this substance abuse has led to
 - Substantial impairment in mental and/or physical functioning
 - Inability to care for basic needs or safety
 - Specific facts showing intoxication or incapacity has created danger for self or others
3. The detox center can refuse the EC if the grounds for commitment (above) are not met
 - a. The client can be admitted voluntarily if he/she can be convinced to do so
4. The client can only be held on the EC while they are deemed a danger to self or others
 - a. He/she can remain in detox voluntarily after the EC is lifted
 - b. He/she can only be detained for longer than 5 days if an Involuntary Commitment petition has been filed