

Single Bed Certification Update

Statewide Investigations and 72 Hour Holds, By Month

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Designated Mental Health Professionals (DMHPs) investigate and evaluate people with mental health disorders to see if they meet the legal criteria for involuntary detention. "Detention" or "detain" means the lawful confinement of a person, under the provisions of [RCW 71.05](#).

An investigation occurs when a DMHP receives information alleging that someone with a mental health disorder presents a likelihood of serious harm or is gravely disabled. The DMHP may file a petition for initial detention after personally interviewing the person, and determining whether he or she will voluntarily receive evaluation and treatment.

