

Refer to the table below for some information around priorities in addressing risk:

What needs to happen now?	What are the immediately available resources?	What about timing?	What can wait?
<p>How imminent is the risk, and what is required for immediate safety of the person or others?</p> <p>Can we develop a safety plan together?</p> <p>What practical support does the person need to get through this crisis?</p>	<p>What protective factors can you tap into right now to manage the risk?</p> <p>Can we use brief interventions now to support the person?</p> <p>Are family members, friends and social supports available now, and what do we need to do to equip them with the skills to provide effective support?</p> <p>Are there helplines that can be contacted for support?</p>	<p>Are there things that have to happen before other strategies can occur?</p> <p>For example, a referral needs to happen quickly as there may be a wait list; family members need to be contacted first to develop an effective plan, so we can understand their level of support; practical support for finances may need to happen early so the person can afford other assistance.</p>	<p>If the person is in crisis, they may not have the ability or functioning to attend a group program, or to concentrate on an in-depth therapeutic intervention.</p> <p>Work with the person and their skills, and consider how longer-term goals can support their future recovery and risk management.</p>