

FORM 9
MENTAL HEALTH ACT
[Section 28, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 288]

APPLICATION FOR WARRANT
(APPREHENSION OF PERSON WITH APPARENT MENTAL DISORDER FOR PURPOSE OF EXAMINATION)

I, _____, make application under section 28 (3) of
first and last name of applicant (please print)
the *Mental Health Act* with respect to _____,
first and last name of person about whom application is made
of _____.
last known address of person about whom application is made

I have reasonable grounds to believe that:

- (a) section 28 (3) of the Act applies to the above-named person; and
- (b) section 22 of the Act* cannot be used without unreasonable delay.

* Section 22 requires that a physician examine the person to determine whether the person meets the criteria for involuntary admission to a designated facility.

THE GROUNDS FOR MY BELIEF ARE:

If additional space is required, use an additional page and date and initial that page

The applicant requests that a warrant be granted to apprehend the person.

Dated _____ at _____, British Columbia
date (dd / mm / yyyy)

signature of applicant

Applicant's relationship to the person who is the subject of this application, and how long the applicant has known this person:

_____ *relationship* _____ *length of time (months/years)*

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

I, _____, swear affirm that:
name of applicant (please print)

- 1. I am the applicant for the warrant for apprehension of a person with a mental disorder.
- 2. The grounds for my belief are true to the best of my knowledge.

signature of applicant

Sworn Affirmed before me on _____
date (dd / mm / yyyy)

at _____, British Columbia

*Commissioner for Taking Affidavits
in British Columbia*

Instructions for Completing this Application

You are encouraged, but not required, to use the headings provided below to describe why you believe that a warrant under section 28 (3) of the Mental Health Act is needed. Further, if you believe that public knowledge of this written application could reasonably be expected to result in harm to your safety or mental or physical health, you may ask the judge or justice for permission to present your information verbally instead of completing this form, or for restrictions on the release of the information that forms the basis of this application.

1. **Indications of mental disorder** (e.g., hallucinations, delusions, depression, extreme excitement, specific difficulties in relating to others)
2. **Need for psychiatric treatment** (The above indications of mental disorder may also indicate a need for a psychiatric treatment. List any other indications of need for treatment, such as previous psychiatric treatment, use of medication for mental disorder and/or recent changes in behaviour.)
3. **Need to prevent the person's substantial mental or physical deterioration** (e.g., failure to eat, uncharacteristic verbal abusiveness, sleep problems, extreme withdrawal. Were the early signs of any previous episodes the same or similar?)
4. **Need for protection of self or others resulting from the mental disorder** (Are there examples of clearly or potentially harmful behaviour or symptoms? (e.g., suicidal ideation, potential loss of job, aggressive behaviour, uncharacteristic harmful financial actions.) Has this person had similar previous episodes?)
5. **Refusal to attend voluntarily for examination by physician**

The information on this form is collected pursuant to section 28 of the *Mental Health Act*. It will be used by a judge to determine if a warrant should be issued for the apprehension and examination of the person. Any questions you have about this form may be addressed to the Clerk of the Court.