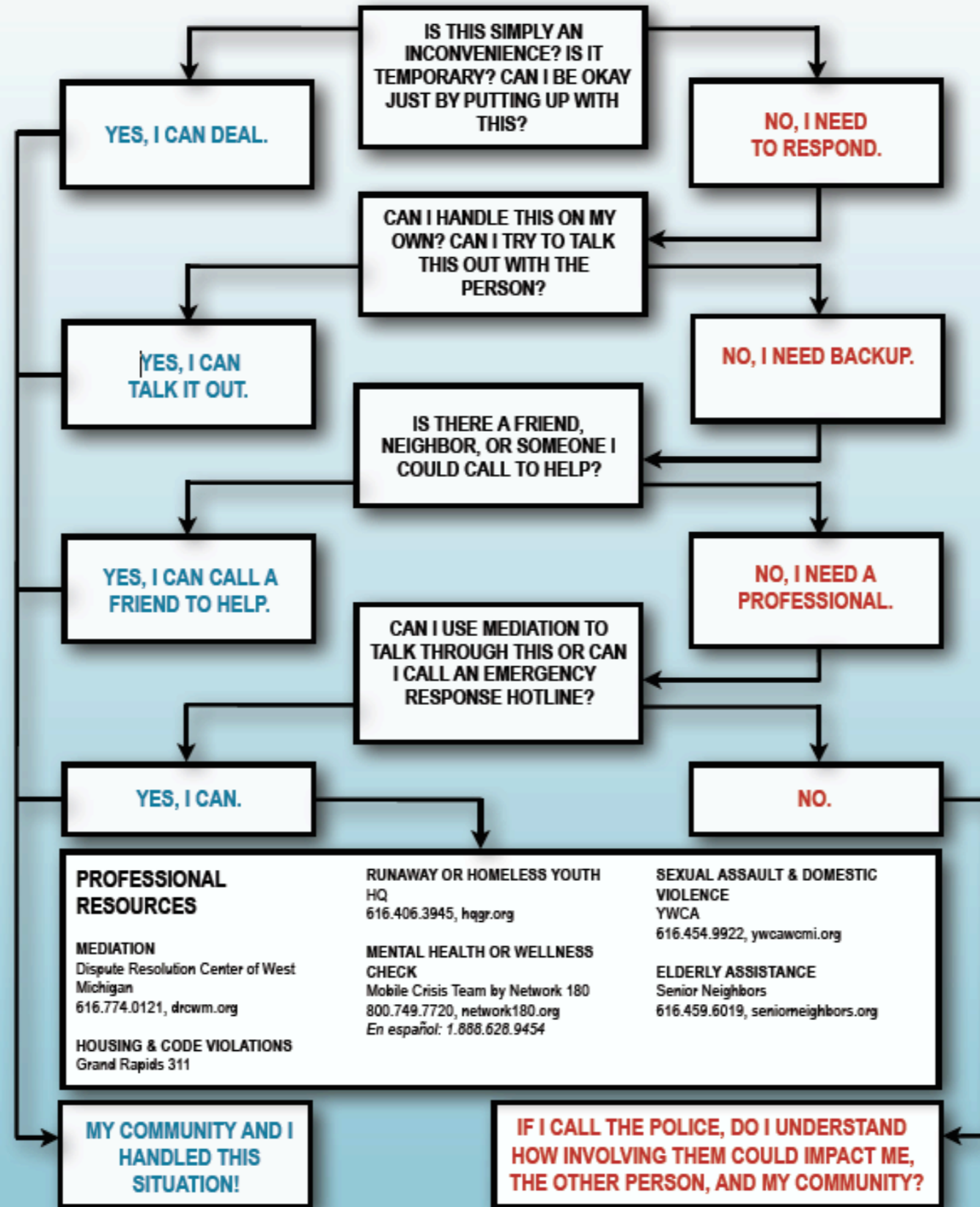


BEFORE CALLING THE POLICE, ASK YOURSELF:



TOGETHER WE ARE SAFE — ALTERNATIVES TO CALLING THE POLICE

ASK YOURSELF:

- Is this simply an inconvenience? Is it temporary? Can I put up with it and be okay?
- Can I handle this on my own? Is this something I could try to talk this out with the person?
- Is there a friend, neighbor, or someone I could call to help?
- Can I use mediation to talk through this or can I call an emergency response hotline?

LIST OF MEDIATION & HOTLINE RESOURCES

MEDIATION

Dispute Resolution Center of West Michigan
616.774.0121, drcwm.org
Provides mediation for arguments between neighbors, community disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, marriage and divorce disputes, and more. Can also support community building activities and restorative justice. Screens for safety of all participants.

SEXUAL ASSAULT & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

YWCA
616.454.9922, ywcawcmi.org
24-hour helpline. Will perform medical forensic examination for survivors of sexual assault. This includes a rape kit that will be held for up to a year (should be performed within 5 days of assault) while victim/survivor decides whether to file a police report. Can provide advocacy and short-term counseling as well as other sexual assault services. Helps domestic violence victims and survivors with safety plans, short-term counseling, and shelter. Mandated reporter for child abuse and elder abuse.

HOUSING & OTHER CODE VIOLATIONS

Grand Rapids 311

MENTAL HEALTH OR WELLNESS CHECK

Mobile Crisis Team by Network 180
800.749.7720, network180.org
En español: 1.888.628.9454
Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call for individuals experiencing a mental health crisis or needing a wellness check. If situation is deemed safe, crisis team may appear without police. If safety is an issue, team may call police.

RUNAWAY OR HOMELESS YOUTH

HQ
616.406.3945, hqgr.org
Has a strict policy of confidentiality for youth who access their services. Will only comply with police for warrant or parole officer order. Will only call police as last resort.

ELDERLY ASSISTANCE

Senior Neighbors
616.459.6019, seniorneighbors.org
Promotes the well-being of older adults by providing services that promote self-sufficiency.

TOGETHER WE ARE SAFE — ABOUT US



TOGETHER WE ARE SAFE began in 2017 as a small group of neighbors near MLK Park in Grand Rapids, MI, who wanted to develop community solutions in a gentrifying neighborhood.

Since then we have grown to include the Greater Grand Rapids area, as we all face the housing crisis and over-policing together.

Our group shares resources, including housing and job leads, and advocates for community solutions to justice and safety. If you believe that neighbors are safer when we come together, follow our Facebook page at facebook.com/pg/TWASforMLK. You can message us there.