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## We can all prevent suicide

Suicide is not inevitable for anyone. Understanding the issues surrounding suicide and mental health is an important way to participate in suicide prevention, help others in crisis and change the conversation about suicide.

### Know the warning signs

Suicide warnings should be taken very seriously. Some are obvious and others are more subtle and can easily be overlooked. Early detection can save a life.

These warning signs can help you determine whether you or someone you know is at risk of suicide.

- Talking about the desire to die, feeling hopeless or having no reason to live
- Expressing that they feel trapped, are in unbearable pain or are being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Acting anxious or agitated; behaving recklessly
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or isolating
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Having extreme mood swings or prolonged sadness
- Experiencing a major life crisis such as a death, end of a relationship or diagnosis of illness
- Becoming emotionally distant and detached from other people and typical activities

Suicide is a growing problem and cause of death in the US. Unfortunately, some signs of suicidal behaviors are subtle and difficult to detect until it's too late. Pay attention to all warning signs and especially take note if someone you care about seems to be off or different, or if you feel you are struggling to cope.

<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/how-we-can-all-prevent-suicide/>

**For more information and resources, visit [MagellanHealthcare.com/Prevent-Suicide](https://MagellanHealthcare.com/Prevent-Suicide).**