

# Recognize the Warning Signs for Suicide to Save Lives!

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Sometimes it can be difficult to tell warning signs from “normal” behavior, especially in youth and young adults. Ask yourself, *Is the behavior I am seeing very different for this particular person?* Also, recognize that sometimes those who are depressed can appear angry, irritable, and/or hostile in addition to withdrawn and quiet.

## Take action if you see any of the following warning signs:

- Talking about or threatening to hurt or kill oneself
- Seeking firearms, drugs, or other lethal means for killing oneself
- Talking or writing about death, dying, or suicide
- Direct Statements or Less Direct Statements of Suicidal Intent: (Examples: “I’m just going to end it all” or “Everything would be easier if I wasn’t around.”)
- Feeling hopeless
- Feeling rage or uncontrollable anger or seeking revenge
- Feeling trapped - like there's no way out
- Dramatic mood changes
- Seeing no reason for living or having no sense of purpose in life
- Acting reckless or engaging in risky activities
- Increasing alcohol or drug use
- Withdrawing from friends, family, and society
- Changes in attendance or performance at work or school
- Feeling anxious or agitated
- Being unable to sleep, or sleeping all the time

For a more complete list of warning signs and more information on suicide prevention, please consult the Connect website at [www.TheConnectProgram.org](http://www.TheConnectProgram.org).

***If you see warning signs and/or are otherwise worried about this person:***

## Connect with Your Loved One, Connect Them to Help

- 1) Ask directly about their suicidal feelings. Talking about suicide is the first step to preventing suicide!
- 2) Let them know you care.
- 3) Keep them away from anything that may cause harm such as guns, pills, ropes, knives, vehicles.
- 4) Stay with them (eyes on at all times) and get a professional involved.
- 5) Offer a message of hope - Let them know you will assist them in getting help.
- 6) Connect them with help:
  - **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: call or text 988 for 24/7**, free and confidential support (**press “1” for veterans**) - chat option is also available at [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org).
  - **Crisis Text Line: 741741**
  - Your local community mental health center or emergency department
  - **LGBTQI+** people under 25 can access 24/7 LGBTQI+ support via the 988 Lifeline.  
To call an LGBTQI-trained crisis counselor, dial **988 and then press 3**. To text, send the word **PRIDE to 988**.
  - For an emergency, **dial 911**.

