

# SAFETY TALK

## Suicide Prevention 5 Things You Should Know

Suicide is a leading cause of death among workingage adults in the United States. It deeply impacts workers, families, and communities. Fortunately, like other workplace fatalities, suicides can be prevented. Below are 5 things to know about preventing suicide.



### 5 things you should know

# 1

Be Aware

#### Everyone can help prevent suicide.

Mental health and suicide can be difficult to talk about—especially with work colleagues—but your actions can make a difference. When you work closely with others, you may sense when something is wrong.

# 2

Pay Attention

#### Know the warning signs of suicide.

There is no single cause for suicide but there are warning signs. Changes in behavior, mood, or even what they say may signal someone is at risk. Take these signs seriously. It could save a life.

# 3

Reach Out

#### Ask “Are you okay?”

If you are concerned about a coworker, talk with them privately, and listen without judgment. Encourage them to reach out to your Employee Assistance Program (EAP), the human resources (HR) department, or a mental health professional.

# 4

Take Action

#### If someone is in crisis, stay with them and get help.

If you believe a coworker is at immediate risk of suicide, stay with them until you can get further help. Contact emergency services or the [988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](https://www.afsp.org).

# 5

Learn More

#### Suicide prevention resources are available.

- Call or text the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988
- Visit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention ([www.afsp.org](https://www.afsp.org)) to learn more about suicide risk factors, warning signs, and what you can do to help prevent suicide.

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## Safety Talk Sign-In Sheet Suicide Prevention 5 Things You Should Know

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