

Preventing Suicide

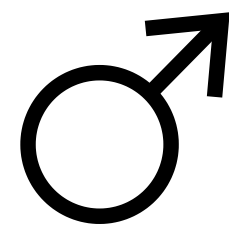
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deaths by suicide, on average a year in Havering.

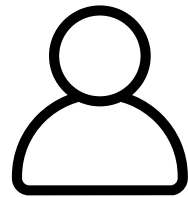
Men are 3-4X more likely to die by suicide than women.



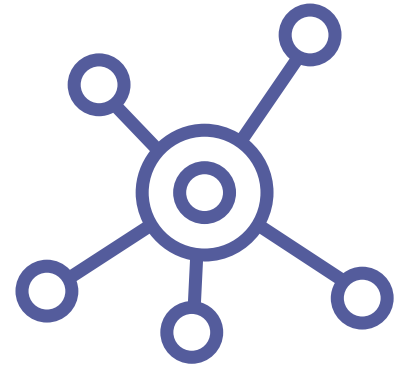
Females are 3X more likely to have suicidal thoughts than males



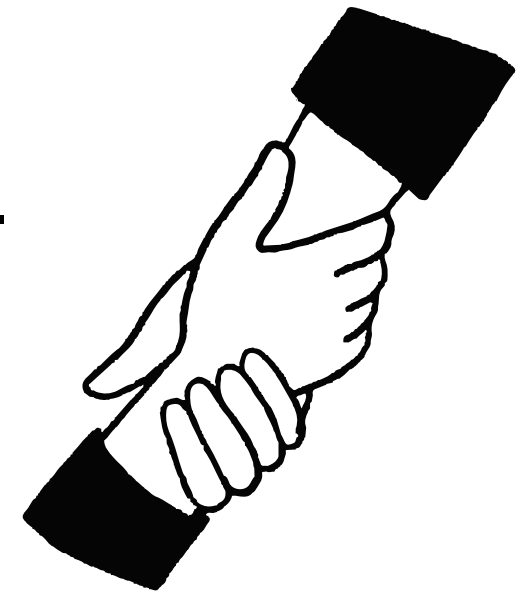
On average, 1 person dies by suicide every three weeks in Havering.



On average **135 people** are affected to some degree by every person lost to suicide



- Suicide prevention is everyone's business.
- Most people who feel suicidal want to end their pain, not their life.
- Suicide is complex; no single cause leads to it.
- Talking openly about suicide reduces stigma and can save lives.
- Asking directly about suicidal thoughts often lowers anxiety.
- Suicidal feelings are usually temporary and treatable with support.
- Those bereaved by suicide have a higher risk and need specialised support.
- Use sensitive language: say "died by suicide" instead of "committed suicide" because death by suicide is not a crime; listen without judgement or shame.



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