

# Youth Suicide Fact Sheet

- For middle and high school age youth (ages 12-18), suicide is the **2nd** leading cause of death. (2011 CDC WISQARS)
- For college age youth (ages 18-22), suicide is the **3rd** leading cause of death. (2011 CDC WISQARS)
- Over-all, suicide is the **2nd** leading cause of death for our youth ages 10-24. (2011 CDC WISQARS)
- Each week in our nation, we lose approximately **100+** young people to the national health problem of suicide.
- **2013 - CDC Youth Risk Behavioral Survey:**
  - **Over One out of Six** of our nation's youth (17%) seriously considered suicide in the previous twelve months.
  - **Almost One out of Seven** young people (13.6%) actually made a plan to attempt suicide in the previous twelve months.
  - **Over One out of Every Thirteen** young people (8%) reported attempting suicide one or more times in the past twelve months.
- Firearms remain the most commonly used suicide method. Suffocation / hanging and poisoning have seen dramatic increases recently.
- **Four out of Five** teens who attempt suicide have given clear warning signs.
- More than **90 percent** of people who die by suicide have demonstrated risk factors such as depression, other mental disorders or a substance-abuse disorder (often in combination with other mental disorders).
- Suicide is one of the **LEADING** causes of **PREVENTABLE** death in our nation today.



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