

## **Suicide Prevention**

It's Every Body's Business! *'Uneverhave2walkalone!'* 

## **Feeling Suicidal? Pull out All STOPS!**

- 1. Emergency 000. Getting desperate? Reach for help NOT a rope or a gun! You may need some 'looking after' for a while! You deserve it! YOU may not love URself anymore at the moment, but there are plenty of others who do!
- 2. S.A. 24hr Mental Health Triage. No transport? No money? No partner? No credit? But kids to support and care for? Having trouble looking after UR self? It's all got to you? Feel you're falling apart? 131465. It's 24/7 too!
- 3. See a Doctor. ANY Doctor will do, but preferably your own. Don't be frightened to tell the receptionist you're suicidal/in emotional distress and ask for a double appointment! Any good Doctor will probably also give you a general check over; they are trained to spot signs of mental illness and can refer you on if needed. They can then assess your situation, give you medication if appropriate, help you get a plan together for your recovery. This immediately gives you a 'go to' professional reference point for your support and recovery and a friendly *someone* for you to 'lean on' if needed!
- 4. Changing your situation. After you have seen your doctor. NOT instead! If, as so often happens this is crisis/situational, like someone's just died or left you, lost your job, in trouble with the Law, Family Law like access to children/property settlement, financial, scandal, some sudden accident/incident, a run of bad luck or negative events etc - this list is endless! Then you may well need some help and support to get through this time. This may be grieving for a lost loved one, seeing a bank manager, lawyer, financial advisor or some other counselling. If there is an underlying cause which is driving your situation - your recovery may be as quick as the time it takes to work your way through what needs to be done!
- 5. Getting a support team around you. This may be a partner, 'family', mate, friend or someone on the end of UR phone 24/7 if needed. If someone's just died or left you and UR totally on UR own, don't forget UR dog. Our dogs/pets are such powerful, loving forces in Suicide Prevention!

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Additional support numbers - Lifeline 131114, Suicide call back line 1300659467, Domestic Violence/Sex Abuse 1800RESPECT 24/7, Kids Help Line 1800551800 24/7. Written by Tim Barritt, funded by a caring Barossa sponsor.