

Suicide Prevention

It's Every Body's Business! 'U'llloveURselfagainsoon!'



For most of us, most of the time there are certain things about our lives we take for granted. Our good health, a secure place to live - often in a relationship or loving 'family circle', our jobs, businesses, happiness and general 'security'. But there is one more vital factor most of us take for granted - our sense of our own intrinsic value, importance and self worth. When, for many different reasons this most important 'life sustaining' resource desserts us, we're in Suicide Prevention territory! It can take many forms, here are just a few ...

- I'm totally worthless... Everyone else has worth but not me!
- I'm unlovable. No one loves me, cares about or values me.
- I'm a total failure. Nothing I've ever done:- job, relationships or anything else has been a success. Everyone's more successful!
- I'm to blame. Everything that happens/goes wrong is my fault.
- I'm Mr/Ms SUPER PERFECT! So I just NEVER measure up!
- **Body image.** Everyone is more handsome/beautiful than me!

While I'm NOT qualified to give professional advice, I do know my way around some of these 'pitfalls', I've had to *crawl* my way out of some very dark spaces! If U find UR self in such a place know this can happen to any of us, any time! But YOU CAN and YOU WILL get out! U may not love yourself right now, but with professional help & plenty of support U soon will!

Urgent? Dial Emergency 000, or ANY doctor, but preferably UR own. If you don't have the energy/inclination to pick up UR phone, no credit, or UR battery is just totally dead, ask someone to do this for you. If YOU come across anyone in this situation, e.g. they burst into tears over coffee saying they 'just can't go on' - I'm not qualified to tell you what to do but there are plenty who are! If you think the person is at immediate risk of self harm pick up UR PHONE, DIAL 000 AND ASK for advice!

> Have U fallen into a dark space? Think U can't get out? Well I did! UCAN2!!



Additional support numbers. Lifeline 131114, Suicide call back line 1300 659 467. MensLine 1300 789 978, Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800.

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