

## Small things are a big deal.

Young people are dealing with a lot. Even when they don't show it on the outside, they feel it on the inside. Unfortunately, keeping things inside can lead to tough times, a broken spirit, or even thoughts of suicide. Knowing when and how to ask for help is crucial to protecting and maintaining your mental health.

## Support

Sometimes you might feel sad or lonely, but there are people who care. Reach out to your friends, family, teachers, coaches, or other school faculty to ask for help. You are not alone.



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## CRISIS

There are times when everything is just too much, when it's hard to see a way out, or when you'd like it all to just be over. In these moments, you need immediate support and there are trained people who can help you right away.

Call or Text the National Suicide Lifeline at 988

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# Helping a Friend

Look out for these signs that your friend might be struggling and get them support



#### Isolation

Avoiding friends, family, or social activities like sports or after-school clubs



#### **Lack of Interest**

No longer finding joy in hobbies, school, or things that once made them happy



#### **Statements**

Saying things like "I just want to die" or "Everyone would be better off without me"



### Self Injury

Cutting, scratching, drinking too much or taking substances, or reckless driving

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