## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## **Suicide Prevention Action Plan for Workplaces**

Many adults spend much of their day working. Workplaces can support employees' by implementing programs and policies to strengthen their health and well-being. Below are some opportunities for action as well as resources to learn more.

Sign up for the <u>Suicide Prevention Newsletter (public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNMDH/subs</u> <u>criber/new?topic\_id=MNMDH\_271</u>). For additional support or guidance, complete the <u>Suicide</u> <u>Prevention TA form (redcap.health.state.mn.us/redcap/surveys/?s=8RT4XKK7HH7EE3RN)</u>.

## **Opportunities for action**



Provide personal and professional development opportunities by offering classes around wellness, mental health, and suicide.

 Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Trainings
 (health.state.mn.us/communities/suicide/communities/preventsuicidetrainings.ht ml): Suicide prevention training opportunities through the Minnesota Department of Health.



Identify and develop a process to support employees that may be struggling with their mental health or having suicidal experiences.

- Workplace Suicide Prevention (workplacesuicideprevention.com): A call to action to all workplaces and professional associations to implement the National Guidelines for Workplace Suicide Prevention.
- <u>National Guidelines for Workplace Suicide Prevention</u> (workplacesuicideprevention.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Executive-<u>Summary.pdf</u>): A report of findings to direct the development of guidelines for workplace suicide prevention.
- Workplace Mental Health & Well-Being Current Priorities of the U.S. Surgeon General (hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/priorities/workplace-well-being/index.html): Offers a foundation that workplaces can build upon.



Create and promote a work environment that fosters communication, a sense of belonging, and connection.

 <u>#StayConnectedMN Workplace Guide</u> (health.state.mn.us/communities/suicide/documents/mhmworkplace22.docx): Resources developed by the Minnesota Department of Health



Learn more about implementing mental health and suicide prevention within the workplace.

 <u>Comprehensive Blueprint for Workplace Suicide Prevention</u> (theactionalliance.org/communities/workplace/blueprintforworkplacesuicideprev ention): Resources developed by the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention.

- <u>Suicide Prevention Resource Center (sprc.org/settings/workplaces)</u>: Workplace suicide prevention resources.
- Workplace Mental Health Toolkit (mhanational.org/workplace/toolkit): A resource developed by Mental Health America to support mental health in the workplace.



## Develop a response protocol after a death by suicide (postvention).

 <u>A Managers Guide to Postvention in the Workplace</u> (theactionalliance.org/sites/default/files/managers-guidebook-to-suicidepostvention-web.pdf): This guide provides 10 action steps for managers to respond in the aftermath of a suicide to provide hope and healing.

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