

# Suicide Prevention Continuing Education Amendment Act

EDUCATING MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ON SUICIDE PREVENTION TACTICS

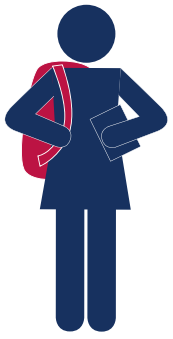


**3X**

as many people died by suicide in D.C. than in alcohol related motor vehicle accidents.

## SUICIDE PREVENTION POLICY NEEDS TO BE A NATIONAL PRIORITY

Suicide is a national public health crisis that impacts many lives across the District. From the loss of a loved one to gun violence, to school bullying or inadequate mental health support, there is a need for suicide prevention policies that identify those in crisis and provide them with the appropriate resources.

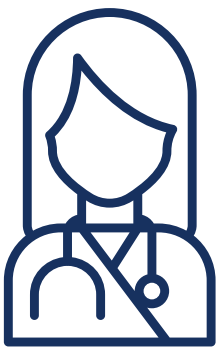


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leading cause of death of victims 15-24 in the District of Columbia.

## EDUCATION FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IS CRITICAL

Healthcare providers in the District are on the front lines of suicide prevention. Educating these medical professionals through continuing medical education on suicide risk assessment, treatment and management to provide comprehensive care for at-risk patients can help further reduce the number of District residents who die by suicide each year.



**45%**

of suicide victims had contact with primary care providers within 1 month of suicide.



The Suicide Prevention Continuing Education Amendment Act requires continuing education for licensed health professionals on the subject of suicide risk assessment, treatment and management to provide comprehensive care for at-risk patients.