



988 – CODE FOR NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE

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Each year, thousands of Americans tragically take their own life leaving their families and friends devastated. Could the circumstances have been different if easy access to a helpline was available?

Recognizing that the resources currently in place for suicide prevention and other mental health crises can be difficult to find during a time of need, the federal government has designated 988 as the three-digit number to directly reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

The ability to dial 988 for easy access to potentially life-saving services will hopefully increase the effectiveness of suicide prevention efforts and ultimately save lives.

What You Need to Know

What is 988 and is it active?

988 is now active across the United States. This new, shorter phone number will make it easier for people to remember and access mental health crisis services. (Please note, the previous 1-800-273-TALK (8255) number will continue to function indefinitely.)

Who is in charge of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline?

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a national network of approximately 170 local- and state-funded crisis centers. The Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration administers the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs, which manages the Veterans Crisis Line.

Who can you contact with questions?

If you have any questions regarding information provided in this notice, please call DTC Communications at 615-529-2955 or access www.DTCcom.net for more information. You can also visit the FCC website at <https://www.fcc.gov/suicide-prevention-hotline>.