DON'T BE AFRAID OF ONE WORD

TALKING ABOUT SUICIDE IS IMPORTANT

DID YOU KNOW?



1 in 5 people in the UK will experience suicidal thoughts



4x more people die by suicide than in road accidents



Men are 3x more likely to die by suicide than women

MYTH BUSTER

Myth: Talking about suicide may prompt someone to act. Not true.

Fact: Opening up a conversation about suicide can make someone feel seen, heard, and supported.



YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS A LISTENING EAR CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE

WHAT CAN I DO?

For people experiencing difficult feelings, talking about suicide is important. Asking directly and clearly can enable someone to open up, giving them permission to share how they are feeling and seek help.

For people affected by loss through suicide, language matters. Avoid saying "committed suicide", it suggests a crime or offence. To acknowledge loss without judgement or stigma say "died by suicide".



LISTEN: Simply listen, without interruption or judgement



ASK: If you're concerned, ask clearly and directly



SUPPORT: Encourage help and signpost to quality information





