

The Corporate Cost of Suicide

Suicide is a very serious health issue that affects employee morale, productivity, and the bottom line in every business

- The estimated cost of suicide and self-inflicted injuries is \$41 billion in medical bills and lost productivity per year
- 40,000 Americans die by suicide each year and 85% of those deaths occur among the nation's workforce
- For each prevented suicide, the United States could save an average of \$1.2 million in medical bills and lost productivity
- Of those who die by suicide, more than 90% have depression, another diagnosable mental illness, or a substance abuse disorder
- In 2012, 624 individuals died by suicide in Massachusetts; nearly 2 people every day
- 11,457 hospital discharges and emergency room visits resulted from self-injury
- The suicide rate grew by 42% in Massachusetts during the 10 year period between 2003 and 2013
- One in every 64 Americans have lost a close family member to suicide
- 60% of all suicides are among 35-54 year olds
- In Massachusetts, 16% of those who took their own life had a job related problem such as increased pressure at work, feared or recent layoff, and/or financial troubles

Your company can help Samaritans prevent suicide and assist in alleviating loneliness and despair within our community by sponsoring a Samaritans event

Contact Janet Lawn for more information regarding corporate sponsorship opportunities

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