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988 Now Available

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is now available. The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides care and support to people experiencing stressful situations—whether that is thoughts of suicide, a mental health concern, or a substance use issue. It is a free and confidential service that is available 24/7.

People of all ages who need help for themselves or a loved one can access the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by:

- Calling 988 (multiple languages).
- Sending a text message to 988 (English only).
- Using the chat feature at 988lifeline.org (English only).

Wisconsinites who use the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline will be forwarded to Wisconsin Lifeline, where they are connected with counselors who are trained to listen and support people through their distress with a focus on de-escalation and coping skills.

The 988 line is dedicated to easier access to behavioral health crisis resources, which is different than the public safety purposes of 911. If you or someone you know is in imminent danger, call 911 for emergency medical services, fire, and police.

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