

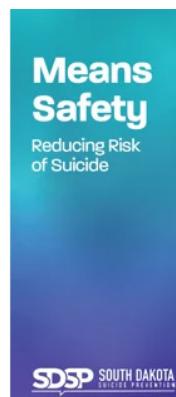
# South Dakota Suicide Prevention Newsletter

## Means Safety Updates

There have been updates made to the SDSP's Secure Storage webpage. These updates include adding two new infographics, one on Ligature Safety and another on Safe Medication Storage & Disposal.

A Means Safety brochure has also been created and is available on the webpage. To access these new infographics and the brochure, visit the [SDSP Secure Storage page](#).

In March 2024, South Dakota launched gun lock dissemination efforts after recognizing that most suicide deaths in the state involve firearms. Since then, 10,480 gun locks have been distributed statewide to reduce immediate access to lethal means during moments of crisis. Click [here](#) to order gun locks.



## An announcement from SDSP!

The current SDSP Listserv is used only a few times each year. Beginning in 2026, expect more regular updates coming from the SDSP Listserv. Providers may use the Listserv to promote events and trainings, as well as share important updates from their organizations.

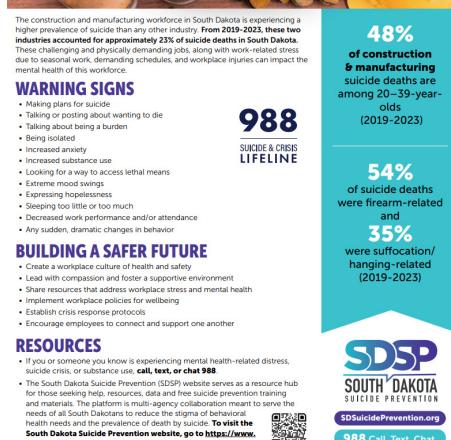
If you have information you would like included in an upcoming Listserv, click [here](#). If you are not currently subscribed to the SDSP Listserv, you can [subscribe here](#).

## Suicide in Blue Collar Industries

Suicide is a serious concern in South Dakota, with higher risk seen in blue-collar fields such as construction, manufacturing, and agriculture. Construction and manufacturing account for the highest percentage of suicide deaths by occupation in South Dakota. Factors like physical strain, seasonal work, isolation, and economic stress can take a toll on workers' mental health. Raising awareness and supporting access to mental health resources are critical for protecting the well-being of these workers and their families. These industries can reduce stigma and promote suicide prevention by offering trainings, education and resources. For more information, to request materials or a training, please visit the [SDSP website](#).

**Events**  
 For more information or to add an event, visit the [SDSP Events Page](#)

For information on Survivor Support Groups across South Dakota, [click here](#).



Click the infographic above for more information on Suicide in the Construction and Manufacturing industries.

## Save the Date

2026 South Dakota  
 Behavioral Health  
 Conference

August 11 - 12  
 Sioux Falls Convention Center

This comprehensive behavioral health conference will offer information related to suicide and substance misuse prevention, treatment, recovery supports, and reducing stigma.

CEUs are available. Registration will open in May.

For more information, scan the QR code to visit [SDBehavioralHealth.gov/conference](#).

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