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Suicides are preventable. Effective preventive measures include: restricting access to means, responsible media reporting, introducing alcohol policies, early identification and treatment, training of health workers, follow-up care and community support. Key is a comprehensive multisectoral approach involving media, government, and civil society. Most countries currently do not have a national suicide prevention strategy. 10% reduction of suicide rates is the target in the Mental Health Action Plan 2013-2020.