



for Scotland's mental health

SUICIDE...

How to ask



Are you concerned that somebody you know is thinking about suicide?

The most important thing you can do to help is ask them!

“Are you thinking about suicide?”



No

Explain why you were worried and listen to what the person has to say.



The person now knows they can speak to you about suicide in the future.



Yes

Listen to what the person has to say, how they are feeling and why. Remain calm.



Try not to judge the person. Treat what they say seriously and sensitively.

Discuss how they can keep safe and where you can find help together.



Agree how to contact the person's GP or call NHS 24.

(The numbers are on the reverse of this card).

Remember you cannot be responsible for fixing the problems of the person. The best you can do is listen and support them to find help.

If you would like to speak to somebody about how to ask the question please call SAMH on 0141 530 1000 or visit our website www.samh.org.uk

Write your own numbers here, eg GP:

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Helpful numbers

SAMH: 0141 530 1000

Samaritans: 116 123

Breathing Space: 0800 83 85 87

NHS 24: 111

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