



NAVIGATING THE TOPIC OF SUICIDE

FACTS & RESOURCES

There is misinformation being shared to the public about the suicide rates in Lahaina after the wildfire. Check your sources and make sure they are reputable.

Have rates of suicide gone up since the fire?

No. Suicide rates have not increased since August 9 (the day after the fire) through the end of October 2023.

The Hawai'i State Department of Health's review of all reported deaths on Maui show that suicide and other possible related deaths (such as deaths due to substance use) is consistent with previous years' experience. However, the risk persists and DOH will continue to provide support and monitor.

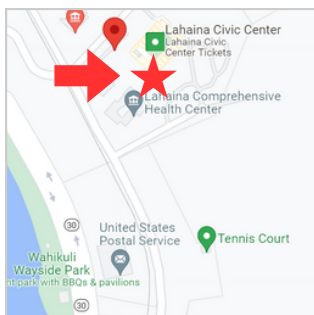
Note: The County Medical Examiner determines the cause of death, not the Department of Health.

Where can someone go for advice or help?

- Call (808) 832-3100 or 1-800-753-6879 to connect with Hawai'i CARES that provides 24/7, free and confidential support for you or your loved ones.
- If people wish to speak with a grief counselor by telephone, sit down with a healthcare professional, or simply wish to make a connection with one of our team members stationed out in the community, we are here.

Is DOH providing additional mental health support?

DOH has secured grants to expand mental health services on Maui that will be necessary as the community heals. DOH is also working with community-based organizations to support the long-term mental health needs of Maui.



ON MAUI, IN-PERSON SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT:

Lahaina Comprehensive Health Center

Ākoakoa Place
(just below Lāhainā Civic Center)
Open 7 days a week
9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Phone: (808) 495-5113

Wailuku Clinic

121 Mahalani Street
Open Monday-Friday
7:45 AM-4:30 PM
Phone: 808-984-2150

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