

Suicides in hospital

The latest figures released by the Government of Western Australia, Department of Health reveal that between July 1 2007 to June 30 2008, nine people completed suicide Western Australian whilst patients of Western Australian hospitals. This is a three-fold increase on the previous year. Four patients were on approved leave, three patients had absconded and two were on hospital grounds at the time of the suicide.

The Samaritans' vision is for a society in which fewer people die by suicide and the service they provide directly contributes to that by offering a totally confidential listening service to anyone in need of some one to talk to.

A typical response to Samaritan support is "Thank you for your time, the situation hasn't changed but I do feel calmer having been able to talk about it with out being judged."

The Samaritans would like to remind all Western Australian who are considering suicide or who are struggling after the death of someone by suicide that we are here to listen 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Contact details –

- **Support service:**

- **Emergency line:** 9381 5555
- **Youthline:** 9388 2500
- **Country line:** 1800 198 313 (Free outside of Perth metro area)
- **TTY:** 9382 8822
- **Email:** samswa@bigpond.net.au
- **Address:** 60 Bagot Road SUBIACO, WA, 6008

- **Administration**

- **Administration Phone:** 9381 5725
- **Email:** samswa@bigpond.net.au
- **Youth Office:** 9382 3811
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- **Fax:** 9388 2368
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- **Website:** www.thesamaritans.org.au

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Note to editors:

The Samaritans wish to remind West Australians of the support they provide for someone who may be feeling suicidal or distressed. I would appreciate it if this article could be run as soon as possible.

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