BHP Tip sheet Men



Common issues

There are a number of mental health conditions that have a high prevalence in men: depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, psychosis and schizophrenia. Asking for help and using your resources to get appropriate treatment and support is a sign of strength, not weakness.

Assess

- Have you had changes in energy level and sleep patterns?
- Do you have a loss of interest or pleasure in activities?
- Are you having noticeable anger outbursts, irritability, or restlessness?
- Have you noticed changes in your appetite, eating habits, or weight?





Assess (continued)

- Do you have difficulties with concentration or decision making?
- Are you feeling sad, empty, hopeless, worthless, or guilty?
- Have you had frequent thoughts of death or suicide?
- Do you have alcohol or substance use problems?
- Are you feeling overwhelmed by work, family, retirement or the future?





Self-care

- Stay connected with family and friends.
- Make time to engage in activities you enjoy.
- Participate in regular, sustained exercise.
- Get enough sleep and eat nutritious meals.

Reach Out

- Share what is going on with a trusted friend or family member.
- Contact the <u>Employee Assistance</u> <u>Program</u> for free, confidential counseling services.
- Speak to your primary care physician if you are unsure where to start.





Need more information?

- Mental Health America: http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/me
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- BeyondBlue: <u>www.beyondblue.org.au/about-us/about-our-work/our-work-with-men/</u> and <u>www.beyondblue.org.au/who-does-it-affect/men.</u>
- Movember Foundation: www.movember.com.
- <u>Unsuicide:</u>
 http://unsuicide.wikispaces.com/Online+
 Suicide+Help#.WSNHSVMrL8o.
- · Helplines Tip Sheet.
- · Self-care Tip Sheet.