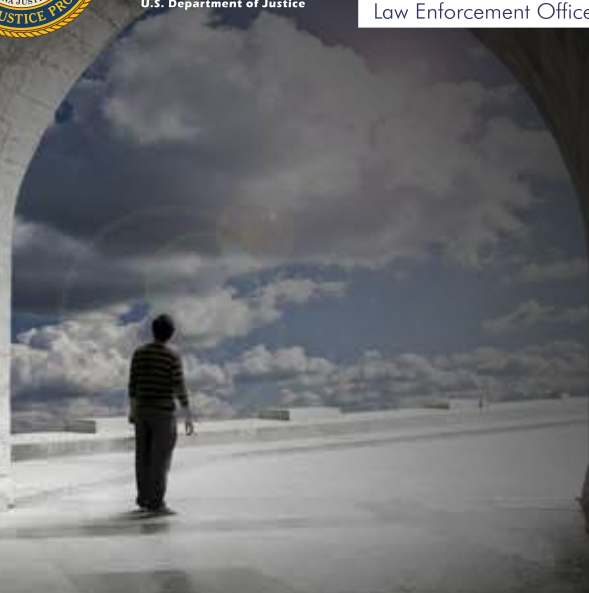


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Signs I Should Ask for Support

It is vital to evaluate our mental wellness.



Take an honest look at yourself. Do you identify with these red flags?

- I want to kill myself or I want to die
- I think about ways to kill myself
- I feel like my life is out of control
- I feel like everyone would be better off without me
- I have persistent, repetitive, negative thoughts
- I have flashbacks to bad calls
- I feel anxious, agitated, trapped, or in unbearable pain
- I feel hopeless, like I have no reason to live
- I feel like I am a burden to others
- I have conflict/tension with my family or friends
- I want to isolate and be left alone
- I experience extreme mood swings, including frustration and anger
- I am having nightmares
- I am having trouble sleeping or I am sleeping too much
- I have received comments from family/friends that something seems different or wrong
- I have increased my alcohol use
- I am abusing substances
- I have been acting recklessly
- I am making excuses not to seek support
- I do not ask for help because I am beyond help
- I sometimes have strong resentment towards others and want to act on those feelings

If any of these statements describe you, understand that it is okay to not be okay.
Ask for help. Do not suffer in silence!

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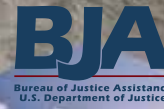
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Struggling mentally or emotionally?

Bring your hidden feelings into the light.

Seek help!

- Your primary care physician
- Culturally competent clinician (in person or online)
- Professionally led support group
- Peer support group
- Employee Assistance Program
- Agency chaplain
- Clergy
- Supervisor
- Human resources
- Trusted colleagues
- Friends or family members

Get immediate support

- Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: Call 988
- Crisis Text Line: Text "BLUE" to 741741

Continue reaching out until you find the support that you need. You may be surprised at the support that you receive.



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