## SUICIDE PREVENTION DO'S AND DON'TS

DO	DON'T
REACH OUT	MAKE THEIR PROBLEM SEEM UNIMPORTANT
BE YOURSELF	ARGUE
	ACT SHOCKED
SHOW THAT YOU CARE	KEEP THEIR SUICIDE PLAN A SECRET
LET THE PERSON KNOW THAT THEY ARE IMPORTANT	PROMISE CONFIDENTIALITY-A LIFE IS AT STAKE
TO YOU	TRY TO TAKE ANY WEAPONS AWAY FROM HIM OR HER
ENCOURAGE THEM TO TALK	LEAVE THEM ALONE WHEN HE OR SHE IS IN CRISIS
LISTEN AND LET HIM OR HER EXPRESS THEIR PAIN AND ANGER	ASSUME THAT HE OR SHE IS SIMPLY HAVING A BAD DAY
LET HIM OR HER KNOW THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE	OFFER TO FIX THE PROBLEM
LISTEN WITHOUT MAKING JUDGMENTS	TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR SAFETY BY YOURSELF
REMAIN CALM	LOSE PATIENCE IF THEY TRY TO REJECT YOUR HELP
BE POSITIVE	BLAME YOURSELF
LET THEM KNOW THAT HELP IS AVAILABLE	GIVE UP HOPE
OFFER HOPE	STOP BEING A GOOD FRIEND NO MATTER WHAT
ASK DIRECT QUESTIONS: ARE YOU PLANNING ON KILLING YOURSELF? HOW? WHEN? WHERE?	
KNOW YOUR LIMITS	
GET HELP	
ACT QUICKLY IF YOU THINK HE OR SHE IS IN IMMINENT DANGER	