



Safe messaging best practices: A guide for anyone communicating and writing about Veteran suicide

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Media portrayals of suicide can influence behavior in a positive manner by encouraging help-seeking or negatively by increasing contagion. Based on the [Recommendations for Reporting on Suicide](#) [2], the following provides guidance for developing messages about Veteran suicide in a safe and ethical manner.

Links within this resource

[1] https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/docs/OMH-086-VA-OMHSP-Safe-Messaging-Factsheet-4-9-2019.pdf

[2] <http://reportingonsuicide.org>

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