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## **Frederick County Suicide Prevention Coalition Releases Updated Report**

**FREDERICK, MD** – The Frederick County Suicide Prevention Coalition has been working since its inception in early 2023 to address the serious public health issue of suicide. The Coalition has recently released a report on Frederick County Suicide Prevention Statistics with data from 2010 through July 2024. Some key findings in Frederick County are:

- men are more likely to die by suicide than women
- one out of six deaths by suicide are veterans
- one quarter of all deaths by suicide were people 19-34 years old
- half of all deaths by suicide were caused by gunshot wounds

This report and more information about their efforts can be found at [Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/SuicidePreventionCoalition](https://Health.FrederickCountyMD.gov/SuicidePreventionCoalition).

“The Coalition’s mission is to make Frederick County free of suicide,” said Andrea Walker, the co-lead for the Coalition and the Director of the Behavioral Health Services Division for the Frederick County Health Department. “Our strategy is community collaboration rooted in suicide prevention best practices for safe and responsible gun storage, eliminating stigma surrounding suicide, and support for anyone thinking of or impacted by suicide.”

For family or individual crisis support, call, text or chat 988. In the case of immediate danger or loss of life, call 911. For more information, contact the Frederick County Health Department at [SuicidePreventionCoalition@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:SuicidePreventionCoalition@frederickcountymd.gov).

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