

Inpatient suicide: preventing a common sentinel event.

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Suicide attempts by inpatients are considered a [never event](#), and, as such, are also considered reportable [sentinel events](#) by the Joint Commission. This article reviews the suicide rate in hospitals, related risk factors, methods of suicidal behavior, factors that contribute to the event, and suggestions for prevention and risk assessment.