

Teenage Suicide: Thirteen Deadly Myths

- 1. Nothing could have stopped her once she decided to kill herself.**
- 2. The person who fails at suicide the first time will eventually succeed.**
- 3. People who talk about killing themselves never do.**
- 4. When he talks about killing himself, he's just looking for attention. Ignoring him is the best thing to do.**
- 5. Talking about suicide to a troubled person may give him morbid ideas.**
- 6. People under a psychiatrist's care rarely commit suicide.**
- 7. Suicides often occur out of the blue.**
- 8. People who kill themselves are insane.**
- 9. Once a person tries to kill himself and fails, the excruciating pain and shame will keep him from trying again.**
- 10. Once the depression seems to be lifting, would-be suicides are out of danger.**
- 11. Only a certain type of youngster commits suicide and my child just isn't the type.**
- 12. Suicides are mainly old people with only a few years left to live.**
- 13. Suicides run in families, so you can't do much to prevent it.**