

IDENTIFYING AT-RISK STUDENTS
SUPPORTING DOCUMENT TO
THE IDAHO SCHOOL RESPONSE GUIDELINES FOR SUICIDE AND SUDDEN DEATH

Trained mental health professionals should screen all students identified as at-risk and provide referral to treatment as well as parental notification if screening is positive. Prior planning and coordination with others to include other school districts and community mental health professionals will be helpful.

Students who may be at risk:

- Witnessed the suicide or aftermath
- Had a close relationship with the deceased student
- Have a history of prior suicidal behavior
- Have depression
- Have limited social resources or limited family support
- Facilitated the death
- Feel they failed to recognize the suicidal intent of the victim
- Believe they may have caused the suicide
- Identify with the deceased
- Have symptoms of helplessness and/or hopelessness
- Have had recent significant life stressors or losses
- Are victims of persistent bullying
- Are victims of abuse and neglect
- Have a history of drug and alcohol use

If a student is identified as being at risk and/or if actions are taken, be certain to notify the student's parents.