

Suicide kills one person every 40 seconds

The World Health Organisation says close to 800,000 people take their own lives each year, more than are killed by war or homicide

AGE-STANDARDISED SUICIDE RATES, 2016

WOMEN

20% of global suicides due to pesticide self-poisoning. Hanging and firearms also common

*Per
100,000
of population*

 < 5.0  5.0-9.9  10.0-14.9
 ≥15.0  Not applicable  No data

MEN

■ Almost three times as many men as women die by suicide in wealthy countries – rates are more equal in lower income countries

■ Second leading cause of death after road injury from age 15-29

■ For girls aged 15-19, suicide is second biggest killer after maternal conditions

■ In teenage boys it is third biggest killer behind road accidents and interpersonal violence