SUICIDE RISK CURVE

Danger of acting on suicidal feelings

TIME

Why is it important to understand the suicide risk curve?

- People at risk for suicide are likely to experience changes in their level of risk over time; acute suicide risk usually increases and then decreases over a short period of time.
- The goal of safety planning is for people to become more aware of their personal warning signs that a suicidal crisis is beginning or escalating so that they can take action before they are in danger of acting on their suicidal feelings.

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