

## Community Postvention — Key Frameworks & Ready-to-Use References

<https://standbysupport.com.au/resources/>

<https://www.samhsa.gov/resource/ebp/after-suicide-toolkit-schools-second-edition>

Below are the most widely-cited toolkits and guides that communities, schools, and workplaces rely on **within hours** of a suicide. You can link or host these PDFs directly on your site's *Community Postvention* page.

Reference	Scope & Best-Use	Where to download
<b>After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools (2nd Ed.)</b> – AFSP & SPRC	Step-by-step protocols for principals, counselors, and crisis teams: notification scripts, memorial guidelines, contagion-prevention checklists, re-entry plans.	AFSP / SPRC joint site <a href="#">AFSPSuicide Prevention Resource Center</a>
<b>CDC Suicide Prevention Resource for Action</b> – “Postvention” Strategy	Defines postvention as an <i>evidence-based prevention strategy</i> ; offers community-level examples and metrics.	CDC page <a href="#">CDC</a>
<b>StandBy Support After Suicide – Community &amp; Workplace Toolkits</b>	24/7 community-response model used across Australia; includes a Workplace Postvention Handbook (checklists, comms templates, employee-care flowchart).	StandBy resource library & Workplace PDF <a href="#">StandByStandBy</a>
<b>SAMHSA Evidence-Based Resource Center – Postvention Tools</b>	Houses the AFSP/SPRC school kit plus guidance for faith groups, law-enforcement, and peer teams.	SAMHSA EBP portal <a href="#">SAMHSA</a>
<b>NCTSN “After a Suicide: A Toolkit for Schools” companion resources</b>	Child-trauma lens; add-ons for classroom activities and parent letters.	NCTSN link via SPRC page <a href="#">AFSP</a>
<b>Metropolitan Postvention Response Handbook (Anglicare WA)</b>	Community rapid-response template: leadership roles, cultural considerations, media management, vigil planning.	Anglicare WA PDF <a href="#">Anglicare WA</a>
<b>HEARD Alliance Postvention Toolkit</b>	Bay-Area (US) coalition guide; integrates SAMHSA & state policy into one actionable packet for districts and pediatric practices.	HEARD Alliance site <a href="#">HEARD Alliance</a>

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### Core Elements Every Postvention Page Should Highlight

#### 1. Immediate Response (First 24–72 hrs)

- Activate a *coordinated team*: law-enforcement liaison, school/work HR, communications lead.
  - Verify facts; control rumors.
  - Issue safe-messaging statement (link your Media Guidelines page).
  - 2. **Family & Peer Support**
    - Private condolence visit; assign a family-liaison officer.
    - Offer AFSP “Healing Conversations” or local survivor groups.
  - 3. **Safe Memorialization**
    - Avoid permanent on-site shrines; channel energy to scholarships or service projects (per AFSP/SPRC toolkit). [AFSP](#)
  - 4. **Screening & Referral**
    - Use brief evidence-based screener (e.g., C-SSRS) for close friends, witnesses.
    - Provide same-week access to clinicians.
  - 5. **Ongoing Monitoring (Months 1–12)**
    - Schedule *caring contacts* to high-risk peers at 1 wk, 1 mo, 3 mo.
    - Re-evaluate anniversary-date supports.
  - 6. **Workplace-Specific Actions** (StandBy Handbook)
    - EAP briefing; flexible leave; debrief sessions for first responders or co-workers. [StandBy](#)
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- **Main Postvention Hub** (submenu of *Survivor Support*)
  - *Overview & First 48-Hours Checklist*
  - *Schools Toolkit* (AFSP/SPRC PDF)
  - *Workplace Toolkit* (StandBy PDF)
  - *Community Rapid-Response Plan* (Anglicare WA or custom template)
  - *Media & Social-Media Guidelines* (link to WHO/SAMHSA)
  - *Find Local Postvention Teams* (searchable map or helpline list)