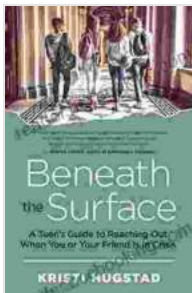


# Teen Guide to Reaching Out When You or Your Friend Is in Crisis: Empowering Adolescents to Seek Help



## Beneath the Surface: A Teen's Guide to Reaching Out When You or Your Friend Is in Crisis by Kristi Hugstad

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### : The Importance of Reaching Out in a Crisis

Imagine facing an overwhelming challenge or a moment of intense emotional distress. In these situations, seeking help is not only crucial but also the first step towards recovery and well-being. However, for many teenagers, the stigma surrounding mental health and the fear of judgment can deter them from seeking the support they need.

This guide is written to address this challenge, empowering teens to recognize the signs of mental health crises, both in themselves and in their friends. By providing practical tips, relatable stories, and expert advice, we

aim to break down the barriers that prevent teens from reaching out and accessing help.

## **Chapter 1: Recognizing the Signs of a Mental Health Crisis**

Emotional distress can manifest in various ways, and it's important to be able to recognize the signs and symptoms of a mental health crisis. This chapter explores the common warning signs, such as:

- Severe anxiety or panic attacks
- Persistent feelings of hopelessness or worthlessness
- Threats of self-harm or suicide
- Withdrawal from friends and family
- Changes in sleeping or eating patterns

By understanding these signs, teens can identify when they or their friends are in crisis and seek immediate assistance.

## **Chapter 2: Reaching Out for Help When You Are in Crisis**

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, reaching out for help is essential. This chapter provides a step-by-step guide on how to do this, including:

- Talking to a trusted adult, such as a parent, teacher, or school counselor
- Calling a crisis hotline or texting a crisis text line
- Going to the emergency room or urgent care center

- Using self-help techniques, such as mindfulness or deep breathing exercises

It is important to remember that you are not alone in this and that there are many resources available to support you.

### **Chapter 3: Helping a Friend in Crisis**

As a friend, you play a crucial role in supporting someone in a crisis. This chapter offers guidance on how to respond, including:

- Listening without judgment and providing emotional support
- Encouraging them to seek professional help
- Helping them to create a safety plan
- Taking care of your own well-being while supporting your friend

By following these tips, you can make a significant difference in your friend's life.

### **Chapter 4: Breaking the Stigma**

The stigma surrounding mental health is one of the biggest barriers to seeking help. This chapter explores the causes and consequences of stigma and provides tips on how to challenge and break it. By speaking out about your experiences and advocating for mental health awareness, you can help to create a more supportive and understanding environment.

### **Chapter 5: Resources for Teen Mental Health**

This chapter provides a comprehensive list of resources for teen mental health, including crisis hotlines, text lines, websites, and apps. These

resources offer support, information, and guidance for both teens and their families.

## **: Empowering Teens to Seek Help**

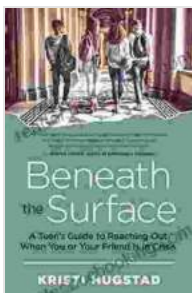
Reaching out for help when you or a friend is in crisis is not a sign of weakness. It is a sign of strength and resilience. By understanding the signs of a mental health crisis, knowing how to reach out for help, and breaking the stigma surrounding mental health, teens can take control of their mental well-being and lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

This guide is a resource for teens, their friends, and families to promote mental health awareness and empower them to seek help when they need it. By sharing this information, we can create a more supportive and understanding community for our teens.



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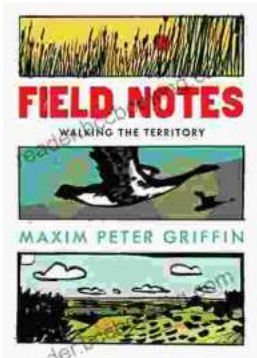
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