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attention: Commission investigating Suicide

Just watching ABC breakfast program and a Commissioner (whose name I missed) seeking comments on suicide. Whenever I hear discussion & alarm about suicide I remind myself of the nearly serious implications of bygone years for people suiciding. I should say seemingly serious. For example the churches regarded it as a serious sin & such people could not be buried in "consecrated ground" - they were buried outside the cemeteries (in probably unmarked graves). It was a big social no no as well. It was, I think, hidden <sup>where possible</sup> as cause of death as a result. Attempted suicide was a chargeable offence (is that still the case & wonder?).

The point I'm making is that it was probably always a pretty common occurrence? Hence ways of ~~delegating~~ <sup>no way of telling how effective</sup> as probably no data.