

Four drug overdoses, a suicide and attempted suicide in New Bedford in less than 24 hours

It was a dark 20 hours in New Bedford from Tuesday into Wednesday – there were four drug overdoses, a completed suicide and an attempted suicide in the city.

At 6:09am on Tuesday, New Bedford police report an attempted suicide on Union Street. New Bedford police report overdoses at 8:45am, 9:19am, 12:13pm on Thursday and at 1:19am on Wednesday. At 6:56pm on Tuesday, there was a successful suicide on Orchard Street.

Unfortunately, according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, **New Bedford and Fall River lead the state where residents are most likely to die before the age of 75.**

If you are considering suicide please contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255. If you have a problem with addiction visit <https://helpline.ma.org/> or call 800.327.5050.