Mental illness strikes people regardless of age, race, religion, education or income. The lifetime risk of developing a mental illness is 50 percent, with one out of two people in the course of their lifetime having either an episode of depression, a panic attack or post traumatic stress disorder, or developing conditions like bipolar disorder, schizophrenia or obsessive compulsive disorder. Failure to treat mental illness may result in any number of potential consequences: loss of productivity at work, incarceration, homelessness and health care costs due to headaches, ulcers, cancer and other diseases.

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