

**RESEARCH SUBJECT CONSENT INFORMATION SHEET
SURVEY**

TITLE: Assessing the Implementation and Effectiveness of DOD's Lethal Means Safety (LMS) Outreach Materials

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You are being invited to take part in a research study. A person who takes part in a research study is called a research subject, or research participant.

What should I know about this research?

- Someone will explain this research to you.
- This form sums up that explanation.
- Taking part in this research is voluntary. Whether you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part. There will be no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.
- You can agree to take part and later change your mind. There will be no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.
- If you don't understand, ask questions.

- Ask all the questions you want before you decide.

Why is this research being done?

The purpose of this research is to learn more about the Marine's awareness of current lethal means safety programs. This is part of a project sponsored by the Defense Suicide Prevention Office (DSPO) to assist the services in developing lethal means safety plans and evaluating the acceptability and effect of lethal means safety activities and materials. This study will help the Marine Family Program Division understand Marines' awareness of current lethal means safety programs, preferences for safety devices and locations, and thoughts about the place of safety in Marine Corps culture.

How long will I be in this research?

Your participation in this effort will be limited to your time completing the survey, which will last approximately 15 minutes.

What happens to me if I agree to take part in this research?

If you agree to participate, you will be directed to our survey instrument.

No names, contact information, or any other personally identifiable information will be associated with survey responses or used in the analysis or reporting of survey results.

Could being in this research hurt me?

There is no physical risk to participating in this survey. Information provided in this survey will be summarized and presented in aggregate. No comments will be attributed to you specifically.

Will it cost me money to take part in this research?

There is no direct monetary cost to participating in this research. The only cost is your time.

Will being in this research benefit me?

There are no benefits to you from taking part in this research. You will receive no compensation for your participation. We cannot promise any benefits to others from your participation; however, we hope that this study will help the Marine Corps and the DOD develop lethal means safety materials that fit the needs of Marines.

Will I be paid for taking part in this research?

You will not be paid for taking part in this research.

What other choices do I have besides taking part in this research?

Your alternative is to not take part in the research.

What happens if I agree to be in this research, but I change my mind later?

You may decide to not take part in the research at any time. If you decide to discontinue your participation, you may choose to exit the survey at any time.

What happens to the information collected for this research?

No names, contact information, or any other personally identifiable information will be collected in this survey.

All presentations of study results (e.g., the final report and briefings submitted to DSPO leadership) will summarize the information from all surveys combined and will not link statements to any single individual. Since we are not associating any identifying information about participants with their survey responses, no identities will be revealed in any report or briefing.

Information may be shared with individuals and organizations that conduct or watch over this research, including:

- The research sponsor
- People who work with the research sponsor
- Government agencies, such as the US Department of Health and Human Services
- The Institutional Review Board (IRB) that reviewed this research

Who can answer my questions about this research?

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think this research has hurt you, talk to the research team at the email address or phone number listed above on the first page.

This research is being overseen by WCG IRB. An institutional review board (“IRB”) is a group of people who perform independent review of research studies. You may talk to them at 855-818-2289 or clientcare@wcgclinical.com if:

- You have questions, concerns, or complaints that are not being answered by the research team.
- You are not getting answers from the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone else about the research.
- You have questions about your rights as a research subject.