

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

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Navy Community Lethal Means Safety Survey

This voluntary survey is designed to inform the Navy Suicide Prevention Program about the Navy community's awareness of current lethal means safety programs, preferences for safety devices and safe storage locations, and thoughts about the place of safety in Navy culture. This survey includes 26 questions that should take less than 15 minutes to answer. Please only complete this survey one time. You may skip any question that you do not wish to answer. Please do not include any identifiable information (such as names) in text fields. All information collected in this survey will be summarized and reported by CNA. No names, contact information, or any other personally identifiable information will be associated with your survey responses or used in the analysis or reporting of survey results. We thank you in advance for providing information that will help shape the design of future lethal means safety efforts.

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[SCREENER QUESTION:]

Are you 18 years old or older?

- a. Yes
- b. No

[IF (b), GO TO PAGE THAT READS:]

Thank you for your interest in the "Navy Community Lethal Means Safety Survey."

Unfortunately, you are not eligible for this survey. This survey is limited to members of the Navy community (e.g., active duty, Reserve members, veterans, family members/dependents, civilian employees, contractors) who are at least 18 years old.

If you feel that you have reached this page in error or have any questions about this survey, please contact Ria Reynolds, the CNA Principal Investigator at The Center for Naval Analyses at navy-lms-survey@cna.org.

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Thank you for your time and interest.

[IF (a), CONTINUE TO SURVEY QUESTIONS.]

[SURVEY QUESTIONS:]

1. For the following safety initiatives, please indicate if you have heard of and/or received training/education about the concept/program (mark all that apply):

Concept	I have NOT heard of this concept/pr ogram	I have heard of this concept/pr ogram	I have received training/inf ormation on this concept/pr ogram from the Navy	I have received training/inf ormation on this concept/pr ogram from a source outside the Navy	I would like to learn more about this concept/pr ogram	I have used this concept/pr ogram
a. Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM)						
b. Gun lock distribution and use						
c. Safe prescription and over the counter medication storage						
d. Controlled substance (medication) disposal						

2. For the following firearm locking devices and storage solutions, please indicate if you have heard of the device/solution, received training on the device/solution, or would like to receive additional training on the device/solution (mark all that apply):

Locking devices with key, PIN, or dial	I have NOT heard of this device	I have heard of this device	I have been trained on this device	I would like to learn more about this device	I have used this device
a. Cable lock					

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 []					
b. Trigger lock  []					
c. Clamshell/Life Jacket  []					
d. Small lockbox/hard case  []					
e. Vehicle lock box  []					
f. Gun safe  []					
Biometric locking devices (e.g. fingerprint)	I have NOT heard of this device	I have heard of this device	I have been trained on this device	I would like to learn more about this device	I have used this device
g. Cable lock  []					
h. Trigger lock					

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i. Clamshell/Life Jacket  []					
j. Small lockbox/hard case  []					
k. Vehicle lock box  []					
l. Gun safe  []					
Alternate storage locations	I have NOT heard of using this option	I have heard of using this option	I have been trained in using this option	I would like to learn more about this option	I have used this option
k. Armory (Local Police, Sheriff, NOSC or National Guard)					
l. Store with a trusted friend or family member					
m. Store with another Sailor					
n. Secure community storage					

3. How satisfied are you with the following aspects of Navy's gun lock distribution?

	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	I am not familiar with this aspect of Navy's gun lock
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					distribution
a. The type of gun lock distributed					
b. The information provided about the gun lock					
c. Advertising and information provided about Navy's gun lock distribution					

4. In total, how many gun locks have you received from the Navy?
 - a. 0
 - b. 1
 - c. 2 or more

5. Do you have gun locks that were NOT provided by the Navy?
 - a. No
 - b. Yes
 - c. I don't know

6. Rank each of the following reasons in order of importance regarding your decision to get a gun lock, with 1 being the most important and 4 being the least important. **[THIS QUESTION GOES ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER Q4 WITH ANSWER "B" OR "C" AND/OR THOSE WHO ANSWER Q5 WITH ANSWER "B" OR "C"]**
 - a. To prevent other people from gaining unauthorized access to firearm(s).
 - b. To secure firearm(s) from being stolen.
 - c. Because of training/education I received on lethal means safety and/or safe storage practices.
 - d. Because of discussions with family and/or friends.

7. What kind of role did suicide prevention play in your decision to get a gun lock (as it relates to protecting the safety of you and/or others who may have access to a firearm)? **[THIS QUESTION GOES ONLY TO THOSE WHO ANSWER Q4 WITH ANSWER "B" OR "C" AND/OR THOSE WHO ANSWER Q5 WITH ANSWER "B" OR "C"]**
 - a. Big role
 - b. Somewhat of a role
 - c. A little role
 - d. No role at all

8. Do you know of instances where the use of a gun lock interrupted a suicide attempt by adding time and distance while trying to access a firearm?
 - a. No
 - b. Yes
 - c. I'm not sure

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9. How did you learn that gun locks are available to you through the Navy? Mark all that apply. Please do not include any identifiable information in text fields.
- Peers/friends
 - Supervisor/leadership
 - Family members
 - Social media, please specify which platform(s) if known: _____
 - Email listserv or newsletter, please specify if known: _____
 - Training, please specify if known: _____
 - Website, please specify if known: _____
 - Other ways, please specify: _____
 - N/A, I didn't know that gun locks are available to me through the Navy
10. In general, where have you received information/education regarding gun locks and/or safely storing firearms? Mark all that apply. Please do not include any identifiable information in text fields.
- Peers/friends
 - Supervisor/leadership
 - Family members
 - Social media, please specify which platform(s) if known: _____
 - Email listserv or newsletter, please specify if known: _____
 - Training, please specify if known: _____
 - Website, please specify if known: _____
 - Other ways, please specify: _____
11. Are you aware of the recent change to Joint Travel Regulations (JFTR) policy in May 2022 that allows shipment of empty gun safes in addition to household goods weight allowance during PCS?
- Yes
 - No
12. Of the safe storage options listed below, which would be your preference (click on the device name to see an example of the device)? Please do not include any identifiable information in text fields. *[Code this as four different drop-down boxes for preferences 1-4, options will be the same for each drop-down]:*
- Most preferred
 - Second most preferred
 - Third most preferred
 - Fourth most preferred

Locking devices with key, PIN, or dial

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		[]
b.	Trigger lock	
		[]
c.	Clamshell/Life Jacket	
		[]
d.	Small lockbox/hard case	
		[]
e.	Vehicle lock box	
		[]
f.	Gun Safe	
		[]
Biometric locking devices (e.g. fingerprint)		
g.	Trigger lock	
		[]
h.	Small lockbox/hard case	
		[]
i.	Vehicle lock box	
		[]

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j. Gun Safe 
Alternate storage locations
k. Armory (Local Police, Sheriff, NOSC or National Guard)
l. Store with a trusted friend or family member
m. Store with another Servicemember (peer)
n. Secure community storage
o. Other (specify): _____
p. Not familiar with these types of devices or storage options

13. Which of the following non-lethal safety devices would you most want to use to protect your home (mark all that apply)? Please do not include any identifiable information in text fields.
- Pepper spray guns
 - Pepper spray ball guns
 - Self-defense alarms and whistles
 - Personal items and household goods (e.g. baseball bat, belt, etc.)
 - Self-defense knives
 - Batons or personal security umbrella
 - Tactical flashlights
 - Pocket self-defense weapons (e.g. shock pen, stun knuckle)
 - Stun guns
 - Tasers
 - Option, please specify: _____
14. Indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Most Sailors/Navy community members use safe storage practices for firearms."
- Strongly Disagree
 - Disagree
 - Neutral
 - Agree
 - Strongly Agree
15. What are the barriers to Sailors/Navy community members using safe storage practices for firearms (mark all that apply)? Please do not include any identifiable information in text fields.
- Concern that safe storage will interfere with ability to protect one's home
 - Concern about care for weapons (e.g. concerned about gun lock damaging weapons)

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- c. Weight of safes
 - d. Access to alternate storage locations during off-hours
 - e. Other, please specify:
16. Indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Most Sailors/Navy community members use safe storage practices for medications."
- a. Strongly Disagree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Neutral
 - d. Agree
 - e. Strongly Agree
17. Which safety measures should a Sailor/Navy community member take if they or someone in their household is experiencing a mental health crisis (mark all that apply)? Please do not include any identifiable information in text fields.
- a. Secure all firearms in the home
 - b. Lock up all knives and scissors in the home
 - c. Lock up all household cleaners, pesticides, and industrial chemicals
 - d. Limit or lock all ropes, belts, shoelaces, electrical wire, and long cords within the home
 - e. Secure and lock high level windows and access to rooftops
 - f. Remove all alcohol from the home
 - g. Lock up any alcohol from the home
 - h. Store medication in a locked cabinet or box
 - i. Dispose of unused or expired medications
 - j. Controlling access to car keys
 - k. Other, please specify: _____
18. What types of **messaging** would be most effective to communicate the following safety initiatives to Sailors/Navy community members (mark all that apply)? Please do not include any identifiable information in text fields.

Initiative	Flyers or brochures (paper)	Article or newsletters, ALNAV messages, emails	Social media posts	Podcasts	Blog posts	Other, please specify
a. Safe medication storage						
b. Safe disposal of medications						
c. Benefits of firearm safety						
d. Storing a weapon for home defense						
e. Non-lethal weapons						

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for personal defense						
f. Supporting a friend in distress by providing resources or removing lethal means						

19. How impactful would you find messages on **firearm safety** from each of the following groups? Please do not include any identifiable information in text fields.

Messenger	Not impactful at all	Minimally impactful	Somewhat impactful	Very impactful
a. Leadership/supervisor				
b. Unit leadership				
c. Medical professionals				
d. Chaplains or other religious leaders				
e. Navy community support services (e.g. Fleet and Family Support Program)				
f. Fellow Sailors/Navy community members				
g. Military veterans				
h. Public safety officials				
i. Firearm education groups (e.g. NRA)				
j. Other, please list _____				

20. How impactful would you find messages on **medication safety** from each of the following groups? Please do not include any identifiable information in text fields.

Messenger	Not impactful at all	Minimally impactful	Somewhat impactful	Very impactful
a. Leadership				
b. Unit leadership				
c. Medical professionals				
d. Chaplains or other religious leaders				
e. Navy community support services (e.g. Fleet and Family Support Program)				

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f. Fellow Sailors/Navy community members				
g. Military veterans				
h. Public safety officials				
i. Other, please list _____				

21. What social media platform(s) for distributing lethal means safety messages to Sailors/Navy community members would be most effective (mark all that apply)? Please do not include any identifiable information in text fields.

- a. Facebook
- b. YouTube
- c. Instagram
- d. Snapchat
- e. Twitter/X
- f. LinkedIn
- g. Reddit
- h. Other, please list: _____

Demographics Questions

All information collected in the following questions will be summarized and reported by CNA. No names, contact information, or any other personally identifiable information will be associated with your survey responses or used in the analysis or reporting of survey results. We are asking about demographics to better understand how survey participants within the Navy community may differ in their responses to the questions above.

22. Which of the following best describes you? Mark all that apply.

- a. Active duty servicemember
- b. Reserve member
- c. Veteran
- d. Family member / dependent
- e. Federal employee
- f. Contractor
- g. Other

23. What are your current living arrangements? Please do not include any identifiable information in text fields.

- a. Barracks **[SKIP NEXT QUESTION]**
- b. On-base family housing
- c. Off-base housing
- d. PPV (Public Private Venture family housing community)
- e. Other (specify): _____

24. Who currently lives in your residence with you? Mark all that apply.

- a. Minor child/children

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- b. Dependent adult/adults
- c. Other adult/adults
- d. I live alone

25. What is your gender?

- a. Female
- b. Male

1. What is your race and/or ethnicity?

Select all that apply and enter additional details in the spaces below.

☐ **American Indian or Alaska Native** – Enter, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc.

☐ **Asian** – Provide details below.

- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Vietnamese
- ☐ Asian Indian
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Filipino
- ☐ Japanese

Enter, for example, Pakistani, Hmong, Afghan, etc.

☐ **Black or African American** – Provide details below.

- ☐ African American
- ☐ Nigerian
- ☐ Jamaican
- ☐ Ethiopian
- ☐ Haitian
- ☐ Somali

Enter, for example, Trinidadian and Tobagonian, Ghanaian, Congolese, etc.

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☐ **Hispanic or Latino** – Provide details below.

- ☐ Mexican
- ☐ Cuban
- ☐ Puerto Rican
- ☐ Dominican
- ☐ Salvadoran
- ☐ Guatemalan

Enter, for example, Colombian, Honduran, Spaniard, etc.

☐ **Middle Eastern or North African** – Provide details below.

- ☐ Lebanese
- ☐ Syrian
- ☐ Iranian
- ☐ Iraqi
- ☐ Egyptian
- ☐ Israeli

Enter, for example, Moroccan, Yemeni, Kurdish, etc.

☐ **Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander** – Provide details below.

- ☐ Native Hawaiian
- ☐ Tongan
- ☐ Samoan
- ☐ Fijian
- ☐ Chamorro
- ☐ Marshallese

Enter, for example, Chuukese, Palauan, Tahitian, etc.

☐ **White** – Provide details below.

- ☐ English

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- ☐ Italian
- ☐ German
- ☐ Polish
- ☐ Irish
- ☐ Scottish

Enter, for example, French, Swedish, Norwegian, etc.

Thank you for your participation in the Navy Community Lethal Means Safety Survey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated!