

Suicide Prevention

Hand-off Policy, Limited Privilege Suicide Prevention Program,

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AF Investigative Interview Policy (Hand-off Policy)

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3.1.6. Investigative Interview Policy (Hand-off Policy)

- An AF investigator will notify the unit representative when an Airmen is interviewed and/or is under investigation.
- Following any subject interview, AF investigators (e.g., AFOSI, IG, SF, and EEO) must hand-off the accused directly to member's CC or CCF (person-to-person documented contact)
 - Reservists – When a CC or CCF are unable to be contacted, a senior ranking unit member (E-7 or higher) on active status is acceptable as the point of handoff (document and notify CC or CCF)
- Note: Policy applies to IOs conducting a CDI

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Special Considerations:

- AF Investigator – if you believe the Airmen is a suicide risk, concerns must be communicated to member's CC or CCF
- Command – the CC or CCF is responsible for inquiring about the member's emotional state and must contact mental health for a CDE or to inquire about entry into LPSL if suicide risk is suspected

Limited Privilege Suicide Prevention (LPSP) Program

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3.1.9. LPSP Program

- The LPSP program affords increased legal protections and confidentiality with respect to the information revealed during or generated by a member's clinical relationship with the mental health professional.
 - LPSP is for Airmen suspected of or under criminal/administrative investigation at increased risk for suicide
 - Only information that is revealed while enrolled in LPSP is protected from use in existing/future UCMJ action/administrative separation
 - Information may be disclosed to: (1) medical personnel for the purpose of treatment, (2) member's confinement military commander, (3) appropriate parties for legal proceeding against third parties, and (4) to other authorized personnel with an official need to know
 - Applies only so long as MHP determines there is a continuing risk of suicide

LPSP Program Process

- Airmen receives official notification (verbal/writing) that he/she is under investigation or is suspected of committing a UCMJ offense



- AF investigator, defense/trial counsel with a good faith concern for suicide recommends CC or CCF a mental health evaluation be completed

OR

- A CC or CCF with a good faith concern for suicide directs the Airmen to complete a mental health evaluation



- A mental health professional deems enrollment in LPSP appropriate: (1) level of suicide risk and (2) willful engagement in mental health treatment