

AIRMEN AT RISK

The Air Force seeks to promote the health and welfare of every Airman.

In times of increased stress it is critical to be informed on the investigative interview handoff policy and Limited Privilege Suicide prevention program.

Reducing suicide risk is a critical component of our wingman culture.

The investigative interview handoff policy is intended to increase safety when an Airman is informed he/she is under investigation.

The Limited Privilege Suicide Prevention Program allows Airmen at risk for self-harm to receive care without concern that the disclosures made to a mental health provider could be used against him/her in a disciplinary action under UCMJ.

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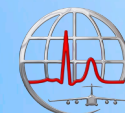
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COMMANDER'S GUIDE FOR SUPPORTING AIRMEN UNDER INVESTIGATION: SUICIDE RISK REDUCTION



**AIR FORCE
SUICIDE PREVENTION OFFICE**



AIRMEN WITH LEGAL STRESSORS

Airmen who have been informed that they are under investigation for a UCMJ or civilian criminal offense are at increased risk for suicide. Uncertain outcomes such as damage to or end of Air Force career or loss of freedom are highly stressful and may increase an individual's risk.

Air Force procedures for managing suicidal behavior include the investigative hand off policy which addresses risk Airman under investigation and highlights procedures to increase their safety.

INVESTIGATIVE INTERVIEW HANDOFF POLICY

- All Air Force investigators (e.g., Inspector General, Equal Opportunity, Equal Employment Opportunity, Security Forces, or Office of Special Investigations) will inform an individual's first sergeant, commander, or supervisor that their Airman was under investigation and had been interviewed.
- Following the interview, individuals will be released only to their first sergeant, commander, supervisor, or commander's designee, and are not allowed to depart from an interview or interrogation unaccompanied.
- This is a high risk period for individuals so it is important that proper support is provided through their chain of command.
- Once initial safety has been established, commanders may wish to utilize the Limited Privilege Suicide Prevention Program via the Mental Health Clinic.

LIMITED PRIVILEGE SUICIDE PREVENTION (LPSP)

The LPSP allows Airmen who have been informed (verbally or in writing) that they are being investigated for a UCMJ violation and have been determined to be at risk of suicide by a mental health provider to have increased confidentiality.

This program is covered under AFI 44-172, Mental Health. Commanders may refer an Airman to the program or Airmen may self refer. A mental health provider will determine if the Airman is eligible. If the Airman is determined to be at risk, he/she is enrolled in the program until risk has resolved.

This program is an important resource which allows Airman under stress to receive care with greater confidentiality.