

THE PREVENTION FRONTLINE

Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Suicide Prevention—More Than A Stand Down

It is the Army's goal to prevent suicide for Soldiers, Family Members, and Civilian employees whenever possible. However, it must be recognized that in some people, suicidal intent is very difficult to identify or predict, even for a mental health professional. Some suicides may be expected even in units with the best leadership climate and most efficient crisis intervention and suicide prevention programs. That should not, however, hinder efforts that promote suicide risk reduction.

At the top, Commanders must emphasize the importance of suicide prevention through the publication of command letters, directives, and Safety Briefings.

Leaders at all levels must know their subordinates and assure that timely assistance is provided when needed.

Leaders must go beyond "training," Leaders must ensure that prevention efforts are aimed "from top to bottom" and activities integrated with other mission-related efforts within the phases of

combat training and unit mission execution.

Commander to First Sergeant, First Sergeant to Platoon Sergeant, Platoon Sergeant to Squad Leader, and Squad Leader to Soldier—Leaders must be observant, sensitive, curious and involved.

The loss of any member of the Army Family is a tragedy, and the Army has made prevention of Suicide a top priority, the time to take action is right now.

Army Substance Abuse Program

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Help—A Phone Call Away

Additional resources for Suicide Prevention awareness and training are available at:

*Moncrief Army

Community Hospital:

803- 751-2160/2183

*Chaplain Crisis Line

803-319-9613

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Community Mental Health

803-751-5911

*Military One Source

800-342-9647

*US Army Wounded

Soldier Hotline

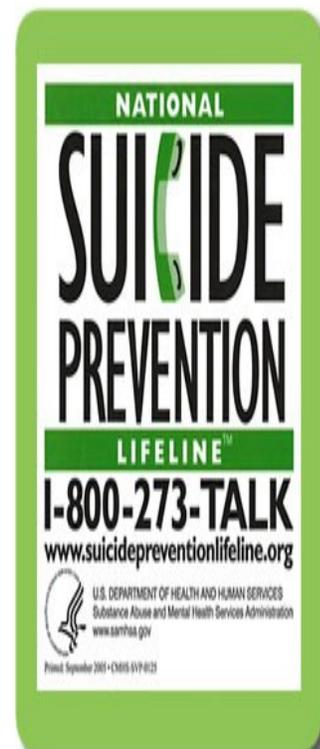
800-984-8523

*National Hotlines

Suicide Crisis

800-784-2433

800-273-8255



GARRISON ASAP

Substance Abuse Prevention Program

ASAP provides training and any other services to assist organizations in ensuring all military and civilian personnel are provided prevention education training (a minimum of 4 hours annually for military personnel and 2 hours for civilian employees) in accordance with U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Regulation 350-70. The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Training (ADAPT) is also a service provided to service members identified via military blotter for alcohol or drug related incidents.

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Drug Testing

Drug Testing is a command program with 3 primary objectives: 1) Deter Soldiers from abusing drugs 2) Serve as a tool for Commanders to assess the security, military fitness, good order and discipline of their commands 3) Serve as a basis to take appropriate action, adverse or other (including referral for treatment), with a Soldier based on a positive test result. The Drug Testing Coordinator (DTC) provides training and recertification of Unit Prevention Leaders and Battalion Prevention Leaders, as well as drug testing for DOD civilians.

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Suicide Prevention

Supports the Army's goal to minimize suicidal behavior by reducing the risk of suicide for Active Army and Reserve Component Soldiers, Army civilians, and Army Family members. Implements control measures to address and minimize risk factors for suicide while strengthening the factors that mitigate those risks. In cooperation with the Installation Chaplain, ensures suicide awareness and suicide prevention training is made available to all Soldiers and Army employees. Establishes a community approach to reduce Army suicides through the function of the Suicide Prevention Task Force.

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Risk Reduction

The Risk Reduction Program has three primary objectives: 1) Collect data from survey's administered to Soldiers through a variety of venues on post 2) Collect installation agency data from providers on post 3) Track risk factors such as suicide, alcohol and drugs, domestic violence, child abuse, and positive Urinalysis'. By utilizing the data collected, Risk Reduction Coordinators assist command in developing comprehensive interventions and preventions specifically tailored to their unit.

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Employee Assistance Program

The Fort Jackson Employee Assistance Program (EAP) assists civilian employees whose job performance is adversely affected by medical, behavioral and emotional problems, including alcohol and/or drug abuse. EAP provides the Fort Jackson workforce, employees and supervisors alike, with access to resources that will enhance employee efficiency, productivity and effectiveness. Services Provided are Free of charge.

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