

Symptoms/states of distress may be overwhelming and lead to having thoughts of death, self-harm, or suicide. It is important to **ASK** someone directly “are you thinking about harming yourself, or of suicide?” Do not avoid this important question.

**GO
SLO**

If someone demonstrates signs of distress, consider their access to LETHAL means including firearms, medications or other means of fatal methods. Airmen should remember to “go SLO” - use **S**afes, **L**ocks, or store means **O**utside the home.

SMALL STEPS SAVE LIVES.

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DAF RESILIENCE



PROMOTE RESILIENCE

Practice self-care such as regular exercise, sufficient sleep, and relaxation time. Invest in resilience skills like balance your thinking, mindfulness, and looking for the good to manage stress.

RECOGNIZE SIGNS OF DISTRESS

Mood changes, such as depression or anxiety
Irritability, agitation, or anger
Sleep difficulties
Withdrawing from social activities, family, friends, or others
Lack of interest in activities that were previously enjoyed (hobbies, work, etc.)

ASK

Directly ask the individual if they are having thoughts of death, self-harm, or suicide.

CARE

Care about their answer. If they hesitate, or seem uncertain, ask follow-up questions to convey that you care about their well-being.

ESCORT

If the individual is having thoughts of suicide or needs help, escort them to a qualified professional or leadership.

MILITARY CRISIS LINE: 1 (800) 273-8255

HELPING RESOURCE:	COMMANDER/SUPERVISOR	AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS CENTER	MILITARY ONESOURCE/MILITARY FAMILY LIFE COUNSELOR (MFLC)	CHAPLAIN	CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	MENTAL HEALTH (MH) CLINIC	EMERGENCY ROOM
Contact:							
CAN ASSIST:	All	All	Military and Family Members	All (full confidentiality)	Civ/NAF	Military	All
Suicidal Thoughts	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Relationship Problems	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Loneliness / Isolation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Workplace Stress or Problems	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Alcohol / Drugs	must report to ADAPT			✓	✓	✓	
Fatigue / Sleep	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Anxiety / Panic Depression	✓			✓	✓	✓	
Grief and Loss	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Deployment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Finances / Budget	✓	✓	✓ (OneSource)	✓	✓		
Retirement / Separation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Do not leave a person in distress alone. Be sure to follow-up in the days and weeks after a connection to help is made.