



Community Safety Project

A "How To" Guide



This guide was developed to facilitate reaching out to businesses, committees and organizations to provide education and resources about Community Safety specific to reducing suicides. Statistics indicate that individuals are more likely to die by suicide if they have access to lethal means. Lethal means includes firearms, medications, ligatures, alcohol and/or drugs among other examples.

Action Steps

<p>1. Plan and Identify Partners</p>	<p>A. What is the vision for your Community Safety project? Examples may include provide education and resources to community agencies and partners. What are your goals and intended outcomes? How will you measure success?</p> <p>B. Have you identified stakeholders that may be able to assist with these efforts? Examples may include county Health Department, Suicide Prevention Coalition, County ADAMHS boards, primary care providers, the education system, law enforcement, community treatment providers and inpatient providers, VFW, American Legions, VA, local firearm clubs and gun retailers, and county coroner. If considering lethal means reduction efforts do you have strong representatives from both the firearm and the suicide prevention communities?</p> <p>C. Is there an identified contact person, or a team that will lead/guide/ support planned efforts?</p>
<p>2. Access to data and resources for your county/ area</p>	<p>A. Is baseline data available for local information? Some examples are noted below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify for your county or area, the population that is most at risk, this can include gender, ethnic background, geographic location, or other. 2. Gather information about the most common means for completion of suicide to develop targeted approaches. 3. Ohio Department of Health's Data Warehouse component for deaths, including suicide is an excellent source of up to date information and can be broken down by county: http://publicapps.odh.ohio.gov/EDW/DataBrowser/Browse/Mortality

Action Steps (Cont.)

<p>2. Access to data and resources for your county/ area (cont.)</p>	<p>B. Know your area;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who are your Federally Licensed Firearms dealers? https://www.atf.gov/firearms/listing-federal-firearms-licensees-ffls-2017 Businesses licensed to sell liquor? https://www.comapps.ohio.gov/liqr/liqr_apps/permitlookup/ 2. Where can you obtain free gun locks and information on how to use them? Would your local law enforcement agency assist with safe storage of firearm(s) for a brief period, or are there other options? 3. What are the methods for safe disposal of unused medications? Are there pharmacies and/or drop boxes that will accept them? DEA-authorized collector 4. If planning on Lethal Means Reduction efforts, what are the relevant gun laws in your community?
<p>3. Outline of a Plan</p>	<p>A. Have you identified the partners within the firearms organizations or distributors who may review your materials and support the team's message?</p> <p>B. Do you have a plan for outreach that includes specific organizations and or committees? Examples can include: County Commissioner's meeting, Firearm ranges, and the sheriff's office where individuals apply for and renew their concealed carry license, beer, wine or liquor stores including bars.</p> <p>C. Develop a plan for outreach, and then, a plan for follow-up. It may take two or three visits to engage and secure agreement.</p> <p>D. Are there costs associated with your plan, and a funding source if needed?</p> <p>E. Who will be responsible for tracking the outcomes of this effort and reporting back to the team?</p>
<p>4. Resources</p>	<p>A. What materials do you have or do you need to share your message? Keep it simple – seems to be a good guide. Adapting existing materials saves time and resources.</p> <p>B. What are you asking of your community partners, is it reasonable, and do they have the necessary tools to follow through? Ex. We are trying to save lives by sharing information and resources.</p> <p>C. Crisis Text Line TEXT 4HOPE to 741741, Local Suicide Prevention Hotline Number, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline Number. Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255, text to 838255, or chat at https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/</p> <p>D. Training available online for Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) https://www.sprc.org/resources-programs/calm-counseling-access-lethal-means</p>

Discuss the questions and action steps in your planning team and use the attached chart to track progress, assignments for each of the 2-3 priorities your planning team plans to focus on in the next year.

Question (*write the question in your team plans to focus on in the next year*):

List the question action step (e.g. 1A, 1B, 1C...)	Current status; what additional information is needed and from whom?	Next steps and follow up	Primary point of contact for each action item