



Fully aware of the myriad ways people compromise personal safety and security on overseas liberty, the OinC of HSL-47's Det 4, devised a risk-assessment plan to use during his det's WESTPAC deployment. These Foreign Leave and Liberty ORM forms were developed by merging detachment, theater

commander and USS *Ford's* (FFG 54) liberty policies with the squadron's existing risk-assessment program. The goal was to give everyone on the detachment the information they needed to mitigate the various risks faced by U.S. sailors abroad.

The forms originated as a briefing guide. The det admin officer collected the required information for each port and briefed all hands before liberty call. Critical information (such as ship phone numbers and beach guard location) was reduced to a wallet-sized card for each det member.

To help people focus and to formalize the process, the forms in this article were developed and used in conjunction with the brief and wallet card. This approach became a quick, efficient way to give each member the information needed to stay safe and enjoy liberty. The result was the detachment had a great deployment with zero liberty incidents, and just as important, they had a lot of fun.

Saberhawk ORM

Saberhawk Foreign Leave-Liberty Risk Management

Section I: Awareness

Circle your response:

A B

1. Have you read and understood the command's liberty policy for this port? Yes No
Note: It is your responsibility to read and understand the command's liberty policy for each port, as detailed in the POD or separate instruction.
- a. Do you know the liberty port's off-limits/safe areas? Yes No
 b. Is the buddy system mandatory and/or will you be using the buddy system in this port visit? Yes No
Note: There is safety in numbers, regardless of whether the buddy system is enforced.
- c. Do you know the prohibited activities? Yes No
 d. Do you know when liberty expires? Yes No
Note: It is your responsibility to know when liberty expires, both on your duty day and at the end of each port visit. At liberty expiration you shall physically muster with the LPO or duty section personnel.
2. Are you familiar with the threat assessment for this port/location? Yes No
 List the three highest risks for this liberty port:
 a. _____
 b. _____
 c. _____
3. Are you aware of the sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)/HIV infection rates for this port? Yes No
 4. Do you know the local money exchange locations and rates? Yes No
 5. Are you familiar with the local transportation system? Yes No
 6. Have you been granted permission for overnight liberty? Yes No
Note: It is your responsibility, if granted overnight liberty, to leave a valid recall location and phone number with duty section personnel. You shall update both if your location or situation changes.
- a. Have you made arrangements for lodging? Yes No
 b. Did you leave lodging and telephone information with the duty section? Yes No
7. Are you familiar with the liberty port's customs? Yes No
Note: You are an ambassador of our country; as such, you shall behave responsibly and be sensitive to the host country's customs. Failure to do so will not only affect your stay, but may negatively impact visits to this port by other Navy vessels.
8. Do you have the command and emergency phone numbers readily available? Yes No
Note: It is your responsibility, before leaving the command, to know the phone number to the command, the location where it is moored/anchored, and the name/location of the fleet landing if applicable. You will be provided this information on a wallet-sized card, which must be in your possession while on liberty.

Section II: Risk

1. Do you intend to drink alcohol during your liberty? No Yes
 2. Will you be operating a motor vehicle or riding a bicycle? No Yes
Note: It is your responsibility to possess a valid driver's license (i.e., international license) and abide by the traffic laws of the host country in which you will be operating a motor vehicle.
3. Do you intend to carry valuables during your liberty (i.e., cameras, expensive jewelry, large sums of money)? No Yes
Note: If you are, do so inconspicuously and avoid becoming a target for crime.
4. Do you intend to participate in sport activities? No Yes

If you circled any column B responses, you need to take action to increase your awareness and/or minimize your risks.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Saberhawk Individual Leave-Liberty Risk Assessment

This risk-assessment worksheet is designed to generate greater awareness of your personal level of risk based on various factors. Leave and liberty are notorious times for accidents/injuries, at home and on the road. To determine your level of risk while on leave or liberty, answer the following questions as factually and honestly as possible. After completion, please route this worksheet with your leave-liberty chit.

Circle the response

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| 1. Are you less than 25 years old?
<i>Fact: The 18-to-24-year-old age group is the most vulnerable group in the Navy for motor-vehicle mishaps. Motor-vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for every age from 6 to 25 years.</i> | Yes | No |
| 2. Are you married?
<i>Fact: Unmarried persons are twice as likely to be involved in serious car accidents. In 1996, 40,115 people died in highway crashes, the equivalent of a jet crash killing 100 people daily.</i> | No | Yes |
| 3. Do you ride a motorcycle?
<i>Fact: In 1996, 42 percent of all motorcyclists involved in fatal crashes were speeding. Forty-three percent of the fatally injured motorcyclists and 55 percent of the passengers who were killed were not wearing helmets.</i> | Yes | No |
| 4. Has your car/motorcycle been inspected recently?
<i>Fact: Road dirt can reduce the effectiveness of your lights by as much as 90 percent.</i> | No | Yes |
| 5. Do you and your passengers use seatbelts/baby seats (as applicable)?
<i>Fact: From 1975 to 1996, it is estimated that safety belts saved 90,425 lives, including 10,414 lives saved in 1996. A government-approved child-restraint device reduces the chance for serious injury 60 to 70 percent and of fatal injury 70 to 90 percent. An unbelted child has the same chances of surviving a 30-mph crash as a fall from a three-story building.</i> | No | Yes |
| 6. Do you drive after two drinks?
<i>Fact: In 1996 there were 17,126 fatalities in alcohol-related crashes, which represented 40.9 percent of the traffic fatalities for the year and an average of one alcohol-related fatality every 31 minutes.</i> | Yes | No |
| 7. Are you currently under medication that causes drowsiness?
<i>Fact: Medication can impair your quick reaction and decision making ability in the same manner as alcohol. Alcohol combined with medication may increase this impairment by two to four times.</i> | Yes | No |
| 8. Will you get a normal period of sleep before you drive?
<i>Fact: Alcohol, drugs, and fatigue are the major causes in the Navy for motor-vehicle accidents.</i> | No | Yes |
| 9. Do you intend on traveling during your leave/liberty?
<i>Fact: On average, 115 persons a day died in motor-vehicle crashes in 1996—one every 13 minutes.</i> | Yes | No |
| 10. If you plan on driving on a trip: | | |
| a. Are you driving alone? | Yes | No |
| b. Are you driving at night? | Yes | No |
| c. Are you planning to drive more than 450 miles a day? | Yes | No |
| 11. Do you plan on participating in recreational activities on your leave/liberty?
<i>Fact: Every year, approximately 2,600 Navy military personnel participating in recreation, athletics and home activities are injured or killed.</i> | Yes | No |
| 12. Do you have the proper safety/protective equipment for each activity? | No | Yes |
| 13. Do you conduct these activities frequently? | Yes | No |
| 14. Did you receive a grade of Excellent or better on your last PRT?
<i>Fact: Average annual Navy losses involving physical fitness amount to five deaths, 77 injuries, 687 lost work days, costing \$439,000. The deaths occurred after strenuous physical activity. The injuries involved the back, shoulders, arms, and legs.</i> | No | Yes |

Total column A responses _____ X 5 = _____ points

Name: _____ Date: _____

60 points VERY HIGH RISK 40-59 points HIGH RISK

20-39 points MEDIUM RISK 0-19 points LOW RISK

If your risk category is VERY HIGH, HIGH, or even MEDIUM, you should take some action to reduce your risk.

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