

Motor Vehicles



Private motor vehicle (PMV) mishaps are the most common, and often the most preventable, killer of Sailors and Marines. The Naval Safety Center is making every effort to analyze trends and greatly reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries. Entering a correct and complete mishap report into WESS goes a long way toward helping us do that. Here are some common problems.

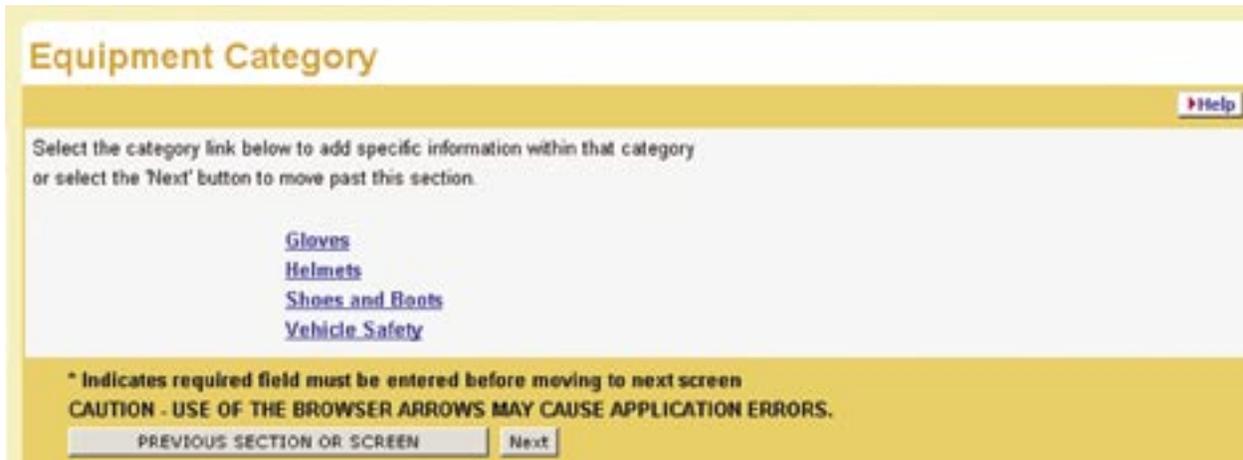
While reporting a motor vehicle mishap, when presented with the PPE screen (below), always select

Personal Protective Equipment/Safety Devices - Select all that were a factor in the mishap, whether used or not used.

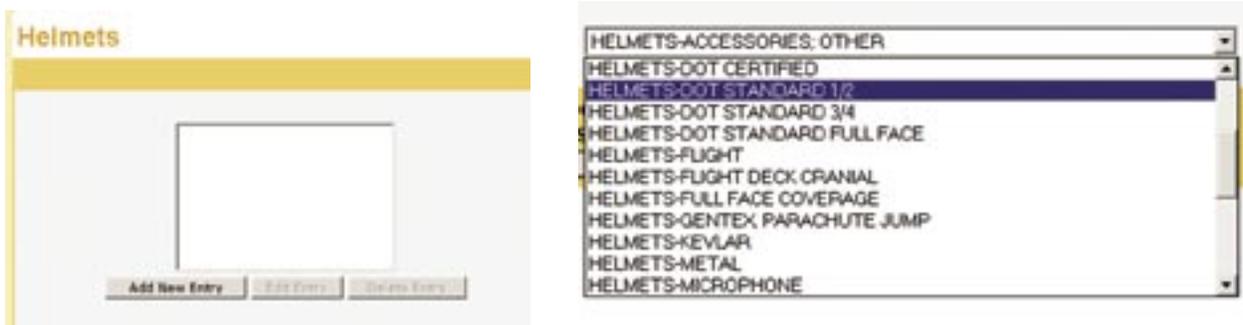
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Breathing | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise Control / Hearing Protection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing | <input type="checkbox"/> Parachute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diving | <input type="checkbox"/> Safeguards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Wash | <input type="checkbox"/> SafetyLines / Belts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eye Wear | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shoes / Boots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flotation Device | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gloves | <input type="checkbox"/> Survival |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helmet | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> Ventilation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Machine Guards | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Help

“Vehicle Safety” for a 4-wheel mishap, and “Shoes/Boots,” “Gloves,” and “Helmet” for a motorcycle crash. This data is needed to properly analyze how well and how often these safety devices are used. Next, you will be presented with this screen:

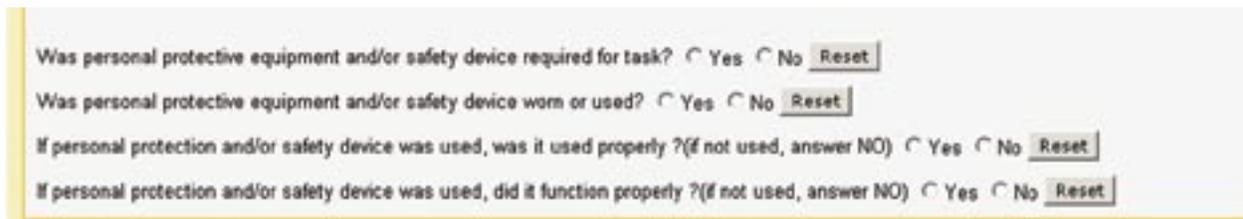


You must click on each category listed to provide the required data. Let’s use “Helmets” as an example. This screen will follow:



Select “Add New Entry”

Select the appropriate helmet type, then click “Next.”



Answer the four questions. Select “Next” and you will be taken back to the equipment category screen to select any remaining categories. Remember, we need you to select each equipment category and provide the required information.



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Most common errors when entering a motor vehicle mishap report:

1. Incorrect selection for Mishap Data Entry. This is the first screen after you select a 5102 mishap. For private motor vehicle mishaps select “Motor/Recreational Vehicle (Private).”
2. Remember to include all vehicles involved in the incident. In order to perform comprehensive analysis, all involved vehicles must be included. For motor vehicle mishaps, vehicles are entered in the “Involved Property” section.
3. Include all people involved in the mishap, including all individuals who were occupants in the involved vehicles and anyone else who had a direct effect on the mishap. Individuals may be added via the “Involved People” section.

Make sure all required information is included. The most frequent omissions are:

- a. Driver training for motorcycles and other government/private motor vehicle mishaps.

- b. Mishap cause code and cause code narrative.
- c. Incomplete final narratives. We need a complete picture of the mishap in the final narrative section. You’re not limited for space in the final narrative block, just make sure you don’t include personal identifiers such as names, dates, commands, and vehicle types.

Remember:

- ESAMS is not designed for motor vehicle mishap reporting. ESAMS can be used to report minor OSH-related events, but WESS must be used for motor vehicle mishap reports.
- Class A and B motor vehicle mishaps require a 72-hour profile. This is a section that asks what the involved person or people did for the three days immediately prior to the mishap. ♦