

Systems, 4330 East West Highway,  
Bethesda, MD.

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Persons who contact the Consumer Product Safety Commission's Hotline to report consumer product associated injuries, illnesses, deaths, incidents, or perceived hazards associated with consumer products; and other persons identified by the reporting persons as victims of consumer product associated incidents.

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Information about accidents, injuries, illnesses, deaths, and suspected safety hazards associated with consumer products. The records contain free form narratives, and a variety of fields dedicated to specific data about different types of products or incidents. Records contain personal information such as the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the information and the name of the victim, if different.

**AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:**

Section 5 of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2054.

**PURPOSE(S):**

To collect data on hazards, defects, injuries, illnesses, and deaths associated with consumer products; to respond to inquiries from the public; to record personal information to permit further interaction with persons submitting data or persons named by those who submit data; to further public safety by helping determine the cause of injuries and deaths associated with consumer products.

**ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USES AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:**

Records are disclosed to contractor personnel who operate the Consumer Product Safety Commission's Hotline and who enter data into the database. Copies of records are mailed to callers for their verification of the information provided. Copies of records may also be sent to sources of consumer products identified in the records (e.g., manufacturers, distributors, or retailers) and may be distributed to others, but any personal identifying information is deleted before such disclosure unless permission to disclose such personal identifying information has been explicitly granted in writing by the person in question.

**POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

**STORAGE:**

Records are maintained by a computer database management system on a local and wide area network. Paper copies of individual records are made by the Hotline staff but these are not stored by name or other individual identifier. Other paper copies are made available to Commission staff but are not stored by name or other individual identifier.

**RETRIEVABILITY:**

Records are retrievable by a variety of fields, including the name of the person who submitted the information, but not by the name of the victim, if different from the person who submitted the information.

**SAFEGUARDS:**

Access to the computer records requires the use of two passwords: One to access the agency's computer network and another to access the database. Access is limited to those with a particular need to know the information—selected Commission employees and the contractor employees who operate the Hotline.

**RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:**

Computer records are maintained indefinitely. Paper records are destroyed when no longer needed.

**SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:**

Hotline Project Officer,  
Communication Services Division,  
Office of Information Systems,  
Consumer Product Safety Commission,  
Washington, DC 20207.

**NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:**

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer, Office of the Secretary,  
Consumer Product Safety Commission,  
Washington, DC 20207.

**RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:**

Same as notification.

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:**

Same as notification.

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information in these records is initially supplied by persons who contact the Commission. The Commission may solicit additional or verifying information from those persons or from other persons who were identified as victims.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review;  
Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title and OMB Control Number:* Epidemiologic Studies of Morbidity Among Gulf War Veterans: A Search for Etiologic Agents and Risk Factors; OMB Control No. 0720-0010.

*Type of Request:* Extension.

*Number of Respondents:* 9,000.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.05.

*Annual Responses:* 9,450.

*Average Burden per Response:* 13 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 2,070 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection of information is necessary to conduct Congressionally directed studies of the health consequences of military service in Southwest Asia during the Persian Gulf War. Information collected hereby will be used to improve the identification, resolution, or prevention of reproductive health illnesses, and the formulation of policy.

Respondents are current and former members of all services of the U.S. Military, including reservists and members of the National Guard, as well as female veterans who were pregnant during the Persian Gulf War.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* One time and Follow-up.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Ms. Allison Eydt.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Ms. Eydt at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

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