

MILPERSMAN 1500-010

SURVIVAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

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1. **Training Requirements**. Every member assigned to a naval vessel or aircraft must be given the proper survival instructions to ensure knowledge and ability in the following items:

	Item
a.	Should be a capable swimmer. Every member should receive instruction on how to swim through debris and burning oil.
b.	Should know the fundamental principles of first aid, particularly the information applicable to injuries that may be encountered after abandoning ship.
c.	Should be completely familiar with the life-saving equipment assigned for their personal use. Every member must know how to maintain their gear so that if the occasion arises, it is ready for immediate use.
d.	Should know how to leave a sinking ship or aircraft.
e.	Should know how to reach an open deck from assigned station by the proper route.
f.	Should be familiar with the survival gear, including all signaling devices provided on the lifecraft of their ship or aircraft. Every member should know where their gear is stowed, how to use it, how to secure it to the lifecraft, and how to keep it in a state of constant readiness.
g.	Should know how to care for themselves and shipmates if they become survivors either on a raft or in the water, supported either by a life preserver or by their own efforts.
h.	Should be thoroughly familiar with assigned tasks on ship's watch, quarter, and station bill that are put into effect when the ship is in danger of sinking or when survivors from a stricken vessel are to be taken aboard.
i.	Should be familiar with the type of equipment that may be dropped to survivors by rescuing planes.