# Sentinel Feature Summary

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| **Overview** | **Sentinel was developed based on almost a decade of veteran input**. Sentinel honors the veteran codes to protect their fellow veterans. The desire to serve others that drives people to join the armed forces does not disappear after separation from service. **Sentinel** affords vets the opportunity to serve other vets, themselves, and their families.<br><br>**Sentinel** was designed as an enhanced safe gun storage method to help prevent suicide, injury and accidents. The system allows for **100% voluntary implementation** by the user/veteran, and also allows varying degrees of implementation.  Additionally, **Sentinel** provides veterans the tools needed to build their support team and opportunities for learning about safe storage, mental health and suicide prevention. **Sentinel** will be available for both Android and IOS (Apple) devices and will be downloadable via Google Play or the App Store. |
| **Veteran Network** | **Human connection is critical** to suicide prevention. Sentinel's veteran-only **Veteran Network** operates like a "Virtual VFW," and offers a peer community, resources and trusted suicide-prevention messengers. Vets who do not have close friends or family nearby can find a buddy on this virtual network of vets who are willing to serve as **safety team** members for others.  This feature allows vets who are experiencing isolation to access a network of support that may extend beyond the **Sentinel** system. |
| **Safety Team** | The **Safety Team** allows the user to identify trusted friends, family members and/or fellow soldiers that become partners in safety.  Team members agree to be alerted when a gun safe is unlocked or the users can choose to agree that their gun safe can only be unlocked if their team sends back an approval.  The requirements are **flexible and totally controlled by the users** and are privately agreed upon between team members.  Veterans who do not have any close relationships may join the **Veteran Network** and find a trained volunteer to recruit to their team. |
| **Time Lock** | The **Time Lock** allows users to lock a linked gun box for minutes, hours or days. This feature essentially allows the user to create an *in-home safe-deposit box* for firearms and may be used in times of sudden crisis or more predictable events. Users can even setup a lock schedule to prevent/allow access on a regular basis. When the time lock is active the gun box cannot be opened by anyone. **Six levels of access control** are available: **1) None** – some vets don't want to use any access control **2) Gun Box** – Weapon is out of sight and protected from damage **3) Locked Box** – If using "smart lock" <u>can</u> do remote unlock and safety team notification **4) Contact Sensor** – placed inside any enclosure will notify veteran that enclosure was opened. **5) Safety Team** - Team members can be notified when any gun enclosure is accessed. All other features of Sentinel are available regardless of access control chosen **6) HoldMyGuns.Org** - A nonprofit organization that partners with FFLs across the United States to provide voluntary firearms storage during times of crisis |
| **Unlock Devices** | **Unlock**ing the gun box can be as quick as two clicks. If there are no active time locks and no team approval is required, the box will unlock immediately. If there is an active time lock, the gun box cannot be unlocked.<br><br>If team approval is required, a message will be sent to all members, requesting their approval. When the team members respond with their approval, a message signaling their approval will be sent back to the user's phone. Once all approvals have been received, the **Unlock** process will complete. |
| **Learning Center** | The **Learning Center** provides access to the most current websites hand-picked just for vets including links to veterans' resources, employment opportunities, medical care, and social events. Sentinel will also link to the Mission Daybreak Finalists that have created vetted resources include PATRIOTLink.org, Guide, and Overwatch Project. Also included in the Learning Center are online trainings in suicide prevention. |
| **Emergency** | With one click **users can immediately unlock all devices** that do not have an active time lock and all notification safety team members will be notified. After three minutes, any *active* time locks can be disengaged by pressing **Emergency** again. The system can also automatically call or text 911 and provide name, address and current location, if desired. The **veteran is in complete control** of what information is shared, if any. |
| **VCL - 988** | With one click users can access the **Veterans Crisis Line**. This features prominent placement on the home page reminds users that help is there whenever its needed. |

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