



**The Court approved Ventilation Air Grill - Used for Suicide**

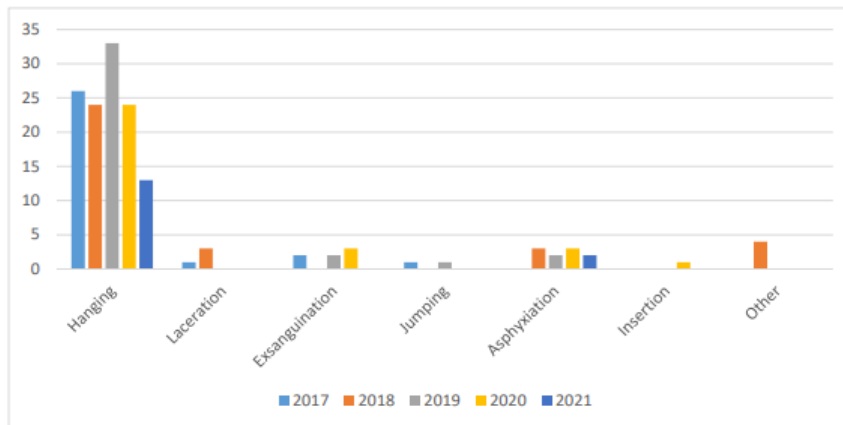
**2021 Annual Report on Suicides in the CDCR**

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Method of Suicide: As in most years, ligature hanging predominated as the method of suicide with 13 individuals (87%) using it in 2021. For the 13 deaths by suicide this year, the noose was tied to the top bunk (38%; 5 individuals), **air vent (31%; 4 individuals)**, cell door (8%; 1 individual), toilet bar (8%; 1 individual), top of the holding cell (8%; 1 individual), and bed frame (8%; 1 individual). In 2021, the remaining two individuals (13%) died by asphyxiation. Figure 7 shows the proportions of the different methods of suicide from 2020 and 2021. Figure 7.

Method of Suicide: 2017 – 2021



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# National Study of Jail Suicide 20 Years Later

**Table 20.** Anchoring Device Used in Hanging in U.S. Jails: 2005–06

ANCHORING DEVICE	NUMBER	PERCENT
Bed or bunk	127	29.6
Bars or cell door	116	27.0
Ventilation grate	78	18.2
Shower hardware	16	3.7
Corded telephone	14	3.3
Conduit piping	12	2.8
Light fixture	9	2.1
Window	8	1.8
Shelf/clothing hook	8	1.8
Smoke detector	6	1.3
Other	24	5.6
Unknown	12	2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: National Institute of Corrections and National Center on Institutions and Alternatives, National Study of Jail Suicides, 2006.

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Method of Suicide - Hanging

2015 page 31 83% By Hanging

Same report old records

2010 - 77%

2011 - 88%

2012 - 91%

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2014 - 87%

2016 page 32 77 %

2007- 2016 Ten years ending 2016 - 82%

2007 74%

2011 94%

2019 page 32

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2017 – 2019 83 %

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31 % by hanging – from Air Vent