



Commanding General's Policy on Safety



Safety is a top concern for the Marine Corps. As your Commanding General, I am committed to the well-being of every person in my command. I want to foster a culture where people feel authorized to identify and speak up against unsafe behavior. We take care of each other, not only on the battlefield, but while at home as well.

Marines need to stay healthy to ensure our readiness to serve our nation's needs. There are policies and procedures in place to protect each and every Marine and we must remember that safety is as much of an individual responsibility as it is a unit one. I encourage each of you to work together to create an environment where responsible choices are made and supported.



It's hard to believe, but more Marines die today in preventable accidents than in combat. The Operational Risk Management Matrix is a tool that can help us mitigate unnecessary injuries or deaths. If uncertain about your own or another Marine's behavior use the matrix to identify possible unsafe behaviors and situations that may lead to injury. Know that most injuries occur off duty and at home, and fatalities are most likely to occur off duty while driving. We must make safety a habit that intertwines itself into everything we do, both on and off duty. Practice safe choices twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Unsafe behavior can have a detrimental effect on unit readiness, it can cost the lives of our fellow Marines, and it is thereby incompatible with the Marine Corps standard. Our mission requirements as Marines are inherently dangerous enough as it is. There is no reason why we should exacerbate the problem with unsafe behaviors.

Continue to watch out for your Marine family, and take action when necessary.



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