



Commanding General's Safety Policy Statement

The Marine Corps is **America's Expeditionary Force in Readiness**. We must always be fully prepared to answer the nation's call and respond to crises worldwide. As members of 1st Marine Logistics Group, we must be ever ready to support combat missions in every clime and place at a moment's notice.

Safety is foundational to the concept of readiness and must never be neglected in combat, training, or while on liberty. It is at the forefront of what we do as Marines and Sailors, and must be inculcated into our daily actions and decisions. We must guard against reckless behavior which jeopardizes well-being of our team and, consequently, impairs our ability to accomplish the mission.

Risk is inherent to our duties as military men and women, but it can be mitigated and tempered regardless of severity or operational complexity. Diligently applying Operational Risk Management thinking and practices, in addition to preparing and utilizing a Risk Assessment Matrix, is foremost to preventing mishaps. The same proven principles and procedures scrupulously applied in tactical environs can be utilized in garrison tasks and off-duty activities with family and friends. Foresight and planning can be the difference between a safe, successful mission and a life-threatening or disastrous outcome.

The 1st MLG Safety Program requires the absolute support of all hands military and civilian. It is forward-leaning in approach and requires proactive, personal engagement at all levels. Safety is my goal in all we do, but it is the responsibility of commanders to implement procedures, and the task of small unit leaders to employ safe practices through active leadership and resolute involvement from planning through rounds complete.

Bottom line, **safety is synonymous with effectiveness**; it is not simply a priority. Priorities change, but our commitment to safety does not. Mishaps and casualties, both on and off-duty, impact individual and unit readiness, measurably diminishing our capability and capacity to provide responsive logistics support across the spectrum of conflict. This is a team effort, and I expect your adherence in bolstering an environment of safety and prudence within 1st MLG. Always remember, you are a part of our country's premier fighting force, and one senselessly injured Marine is one less warrior in the fight — this we cannot afford.

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