

COMMANDING GENERAL'S SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

1st Marine Logistics Group must continuously reinforce the importance of safety and risk management among all subordinate commands, staff, and supporting elements. Due to the inherent nature of our profession, hazards are always present and have the potential to lead to mishaps; however, our professional approach to risk management will mitigate hazards and keep Marines and Sailors safe.

Commands that promote a safety culture effectively will ultimately improve trust, unit cohesion, and warfighting capability. Leadership is a critical component in establishing a safety culture. The chain of command must require all personnel to actively engage in the Marine Core Safety Management System and regularly practice its four pillars: Policy and Leadership, Risk Management, Safety Assurance, and Safety Promotion and Training.

As we continually strive for personal and professional excellence our actions will increase awareness and the ability to "do the right thing" on and off duty. Consistent application of Risk Management is critical to operational excellence and mission success. The Risk Management process needs to be firmly embedded into the Marine and Sailor mindset. Communication, training, recognition, and other actions that create a positive safety culture should be prioritized to reduce mishaps.

1st MLG empowers personnel to identify and communicate hazards up and down the chain of command by reinforcing a safety culture that expects and encourages open and honest reporting of hazards, errors, and near-misses. Everyone is a safety officer; your diligence and proactive actions could save a life or prevent serious injury. Remember to establish the plan to achieve the desired end-state (Plan), implement the plan (Do), evaluate the actual results to the desired results (Check), and apply appropriate corrective actions to improve the process and/or results (Act).

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