



Safety Policy Statement



As Marines and Sailors, we have likely heard the adage “Mission first, Marines always.” Safety is the foundation upon which this adage rests. It preserves the most vital resources we have: our people, equipment, and means to accomplish the mission. When we prioritize safety, we protect the people who carry out the mission and protect the tools that ensure our success.

1. Accomplish the Mission with Discipline

Discipline is at the core of every successful mission. We will follow all safety protocols to ensure that operations are conducted effectively and efficiently, without unnecessary risk. Safety is not an afterthought. Safety is an integral part of every plan, every procedure, and every action. By being disciplined in our approach to safety, we reduce the risk of accidents and ensure that all teammates can complete their objectives with maximum effectiveness.

2. Take Care of Our People with Respect

Our people are the heart of the Team Atlas. Taking care of each Marine and Sailor means ensuring their safety and well-being at all times. Every Marine must be accountable for the safety of themselves, their fellow teammates, and their equipment. Safety is a responsibility we share. It requires open communication, training, and vigilance. A safe environment demonstrates our respect for one another's lives, health, and capabilities.

3. Improve Our Position with Initiative

The Marine Corps has always been known for taking the initiative, and that applies to safety as well. We must continuously improve our safety practices by identifying potential hazards, proposing solutions, and leading by example. Innovation in safety measures and proactive problem-solving ensure that we are always advancing. Working together, we can keep our people and our equipment in top condition. Each member is empowered to take initiative and be part of a culture that consistently strives for safer practices and improved operational readiness.

4. Principles of Risk Management

- A. Anticipate and manage risk by planning**
- B. Make risk decisions at the right level**
- C. Accept no unnecessary risk**
- D. Accept risk when benefits outweigh the cost**

Safety is not merely a guideline, but a critical factor that underpins our success as Marines and Sailors. It preserves the strength of our forces and ensures that we are always prepared to accomplish the mission. As we strive to uphold the values of discipline, respect, and initiative, we must remember that safety is the key to our continued effectiveness and the preservation of our most important asset—our people.

Semper Fidelis,

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