



COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

The military profession is an inherently dangerous business, especially during combat operations. Even during peacetime it is incredibly unforgiving of inattention, procedural shortcuts, or knowledge shortfalls. We can't eliminate all of the risks we face every day. We will, however, aggressively identify those risks. We will control those risks we can and will only accept those we can't control when the benefits outweigh the potential consequences. While mission accomplishment remains our focus, **we will accept no unnecessary risk** in its pursuit.

Safety is not a goal in and of itself. It is the byproduct of professionalism, realistic training, and dedicated teamwork that results in superior readiness.

- Know your job and constantly seek to learn more.
- Be a mentor; pass your knowledge on and train your replacement.
- Do it right the first time, every time.
- Strict adherence to published procedures is the absolute standard. I

will accept nothing less.

- If you see something unsafe, be bold, speak up. Break the chain of events that could lead to a mishap. Don't assume someone else sees what you see or knows what you know.

Safety is not a part time issue. We are Marines and Sailors 24/7 and more of us get hurt in off duty mishaps than during the workday. Automobile and motorcycle accidents cover the majority but recreational mishaps take their toll as well. Alcohol is very often involved. We work very hard and deserve to enjoy our time off, but don't let your guard down. Think through the risks and have fun safely. NEVER DRINK AND DRIVE.

Be smart, be safe, look out for one another and together we can preserve our most precious assets, our Marines and Sailors.

Semper Fidelis,

W. L. DEPUE, JR.