



FLEET MARINE FORCE, ATLANTIC, MARINE FORCES COMMAND, MARINE FORCES NORTHERN COMMAND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

Safety is a habit and a 24/7 mindset – it is the hallmark of a true professional. It is a continuous process of evaluation that demands individual and collective attention. Preserving our most valuable resource – the individual Marine, Sailor, civilian Marine, and contractor – is our responsibility. Safe execution of all missions is a by-product of professionals doing what they know is right. The safety of every person under our charge is critical to every leader within the MARFORCOM family. Our processes for hazard identification and risk mitigation must be continuous, must apply to all members of our command, and must be enforced by every member of the command.

There are three things you can do as leaders to create a robust safety climate within your command:

- (1) Articulate the big picture. Step back and look at the holistic view of the nature of safety within your commands so you can best utilize your limited time and resources, before taking action.
- (2) Identify the strengths and weaknesses of your safety program that would affect readiness. Mentor your personnel so they can answer the question: What will help or hinder us in achieving our mission safely? Knowing these strengths and weaknesses will help in setting realistic expectations.
- (3) Define clear expectations. Clearly defined objectives help everyone in the command understand their part in improving the overall safety climate of the command both on and off duty.

We must eliminate the poor decisions that lead to mishaps. All Marines and Sailors shall apply Risk Management concepts to identify and mitigate risks in all tasks, missions, operations, and personal activities whether forward deployed, in garrison, or on liberty no matter how routine these events become over time. I expect leaders at all levels to develop, exemplify, and enforce a continuous safety mindset to increase readiness. Our people deserve nothing less – our Corps' legacy demands that every Marine, Sailor, civilian Marine, and contractor remain safe and ready for the fight.

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