



Commanding Officer's Safety Policy

"Safety is not an ACCIDENT!"



The Commandant's Safety Policy Statement states, **"Safety is integral to force protection and the operational readiness of the Marine Corps."** In order to remain one of the many platforms for power projection in defense of our nation, we must remain vigilant of unsafe acts and practices and make corrections without fail.

Aggressive application of our myriad safety programs and operational risk management are essential for keeping our Marines, Sailors, and civilians—whether on-duty or off—along with their families, safe and healthy. I, like our Commandant, am committed to preventing deaths, injuries, and occupational illnesses aboard Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) Albany.

Leaders at every level must implement Marine Corps safety and occupational health programs and promote safe practices during all operations and training.

MCLB Albany has one of the most comprehensive and credible mishap prevention programs in the Department of Defense. Our numerous awards for command safety programs have earned prestigious designation as an OSHA Voluntary Protection Program Star Worksite. I am committed to continuously improving our safety programs to keep our base the safest installation in the Marine Corps.

Vehicle mishaps are the #1 killer of Marines. Speeding, using cell phones while driving, and driving under the influence are 100% preventable! Failing to wear proper personal protective equipment and seatbelts are inexcusable behaviors that indicate a lack of self-discipline. All leaders must teach and practice the fundamentals of risk assessment to create plans that eliminate avoidable risk.

You are officially appointed as the safety officer. You are authorized to challenge, stop, or raise the issue to your supervisor or union representative whenever you believe an unsafe action is about to occur. Do the right thing, not the easy thing!

Semper Fidelis,

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