



Commanding Officer's Safety Policy Statement



Everything we do is inherently dangerous; therefore, safety must be an integral part of planning and execution. We cannot allow unsafe behavior or action that risks our Marines and equipment. Commit to preserving the Force – understand external threats and internal threats; mitigate the risks. Complacency and shortcuts are the enemy – discipline, adherence to established safety requirements, sound judgment, and aggressive leadership across the ranks are all critical in breaking the chain of events leading to a mishap. **Build safety into everything we do.**

Risk management is the process of identifying, assessing, and controlling risks arising from factors experienced by change on a daily basis allowing us to make decisions that balance risk cost with mission or task benefits. We will train and plan with risk management considerations to ensure we understand and mitigate risk. Most importantly, engaged leadership is required to ensure that we accept only risks necessary to mission success.

Every Marine in this command is empowered to halt training and operations when faced with unexpected or unmitigated risks. If you observe an unsafe situation, a lack of planning, or a lack of supervision, it is your inherent duty to step in, take action, and immediately report the situation. We must take care of our own.

If you need assistance, or have a suggestion on how to make this Battalion safer contact the Battalion Safety Officer.

Semper Fidelis,

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