



## MARINE WING COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON-28 COMMANDER'S SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT



Professionals understand what is important in their trade. As an elite expeditionary C4 organization, the Marines and Sailors of this Squadron will know that our relevance to the defense of our nation is a rapidly responsive expeditionary capability. While the Army has its tanks, the Navy has its ships, the Air Force has its planes, the Marine Corps' most successful and iconic weapons system is you, the United

States Marine. Your safety is our success. I demand all Marines to consider the following points:

1. **NO ONE IS EXTRA**: The loss of any Marine or Sailor, for any reason, is too costly for us to neglect. Every Marine must be safeguarded and everyone (senior, peer, and subordinate) must look out for the welfare of their fellow Marine. Maintaining ourselves today keeps us in the fight tomorrow.
2. **A LOSS IS A LOSS**: If a Marine is out of the fight, they are out of the fight...regardless of it resulting from an enemy attack or our own negligence. We must realize the importance of each teammate's safety and find ways to maintain our edge while avoiding needless risks. We do not need to do the enemy's work for them.
3. **ANTICIPATION**: Planning is critical component of being a military operator. Be it a trip on a long weekend, a field exercise on base, or an operation forward deployed, professionals who understand the importance of their purpose realize they cannot fail. This means we must anticipate those things that may 'trip us up' and mitigate those risks. All leaders will optimize the use of operational risk management and properly plan for contingencies and afford their people enough time to prevent mishaps. Failing to plan is not an excuse to cut corners and jeopardize the safety of our team. 10 minutes of careful reflection can save your life and the lives of your teammates. Give each other an honest 10 minutes of thought.

Safety gets the varsity warfighter's attention. It is one thing to simply say everyone on our team is important, it is another to show it. Ensuring the safety of our teammates ensures we remain "the most ready when the nation is the least ready."

Semper Fidelis,

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