



THIS WEEK 18 - 22 FEBRUARY 2019



WEARING PPE PROPERLY

I received a call from the wife of one of our Marines, who told me her husband was involved in a motorcycle mishap. He had been approaching a stop sign at about 5-10 mph when he lost control of his motorcycle and fell. He was wearing his personal protective equipment, but he failed to secure the chinstrap on his helmet. As he tumbled to the ground, his helmet came off, allowing his unprotected head to strike the road.



DRUNK COOKING

After a night of partying, my normal routine was to come home and cook something before hitting the sack. This night was no different, and after putting some food on the stove, I decided to lie down for a minute until it was done cooking.



WET ROAD DANGERS

When the rain finally subsided, the driver set the cruise control and relaxed a bit. Everything was going smoothly when the bottom dropped out of the clouds again. The vehicle hydroplaned momentarily when we drove through some standing water.

PRODUCTS & TOOLS



Learn the safety culture and climate within your organization.



A collection of resources to aid commanders and leaders in the management of range operations and safe weapons handling.



Great resource for finding a local riding association, and learning to be a safer rider.



ReportIt is the single Army accident and risk management system for collecting injury, illness and loss data.



Make your Soldiers aware of the off-duty hazards they'll face with the Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation.



Everyone is susceptible to accidents, but tragedy is not inevitable. Take advantage of the products and tools the Army provides to help keep you safe.

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ACCIDENT BRIEFS

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A 20-year-old Private First Class assigned to 101st Airborne Division (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Kentucky, died in a privately owned weapon mishap in Clarksville, Tennessee, at 2045 local. The Soldier was visiting a private residence when he picked up a semi-automatic pistol that did not have a magazine inserted. While handling the weapon, a round discharged and struck the Soldier. Alcohol was reported as being involved in the mishap.

ENGAGEMENT TIPS

Firearms are designed to be deadly weapons, and alcohol can have an adverse impact on your physical and mental balance. Never mix alcohol and weapons, and always THINK weapons safety!

- **T**reat every weapon as if it is loaded.
- **H**andle every weapon with care.
- **I**dentify the target before you fire.
- **N**ever point the muzzle at anything you don't intend to shoot.
- **K**eept the weapon on safe and your finger off the trigger until you intend to fire.



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When standards aren't enforced or followed, that's when an mishap is likely to happen.

Whether handling an assigned or a privately owned weapon, remember to always **THINK** safety:

TREAT EVERY WEAPON AS IF IT IS LOADED.

HANDLE EVERY WEAPON WITH CARE.

IDENTIFY THE TARGET BEFORE YOU FIRE.

NEVER POINT THE MUZZLE AT ANYTHING YOU DON'T INTEND TO SHOOT.

KEEP THE WEAPON ON SAFE AND YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOU INTEND TO FIRE.

YOUR LIFE, OUR LOSS

When a Soldier dies in a preventable accident, it has a detrimental effect on the morale and welfare of the unit. That Soldier's absence, however, extends far beyond the Army because often they also leave behind a heartbroken family, friends and colleagues. Remember, **IT'S YOUR LIFE, BUT OUR LOSS**.

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