



2D COMBAT ENGINEER BATTALION COMMANDER'S SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT



We all understand our profession as Marines and Combat Engineers is inherently dangerous; however, that does not mean we should accept unnecessary risks. Safety is an integral part of the command's readiness and exists in garrison, combat, and while off-duty. The preservation of our personnel and equipment must always be at the forefront of our minds so when our nation calls...we are ready.

The best way to develop and maintain an ethos of safety is through engaged leadership at all levels. Proper planning, a thorough Operational Risk Assessment, adherence to applicable orders and standards as well as proper supervision is the key to preventing accidents and an effective safety program. For our safety program to be effective leaders must establish a culture that adheres to these tenants but also must be backed up with focused training and inspections.

The following items are areas I consider the greatest concern and want the command to pay special attention to: (1) Enforce the use of Personal Protective Equipment...it saves lives, prevents injuries and is absolutely mandatory. (2) Most on-duty accidents are preventable and can be traced to a lack of supervision, getting in a hurry, taking short cuts, or not adhering to applicable orders and directives. The best way to get something accomplished is by slowing down and doing it properly. (3) Marines not trained for the task they are being asked to accomplish. An un-trained Marine is dangerous to himself, those around him, and the mission. Ensure your Marines are properly trained for the task you are requiring them to do. (4) Off-duty accidents. Engaged leadership, knowing what your Marines are doing and prevention/education are the keys to preventing off-duty mishaps and accidents.

Always remember every individual has a responsibility to stop unsafe actions as soon as they see them. Report unsafe practices and all accidents to your chain of command and the Battalion Safety Officer. Additionally, the Battalion maintains an Any Mouse suggestion box where you can report your observations or recommendations concerning unsafe practices or incidents. The Any Mouse box is located in building 511 on the 2d deck next to the ladder well by the S-3/S-4.

Safety is not about being risk adverse. It is about taking care of our Marines and Sailors, and being ready to accomplish our mission.

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