SAFETY
Commanding General's Policy Statement

Within 1st MAW, we will establish and maintain a professional safety culture that preserves our resources through risk management, that reinforces safe behavior on- and off-duty, and that results in an enhanced state of combat readiness. Our safety mission is to advance readiness and our ability to fight by preserving lives, preventing injury, and protecting equipment and material. We measure success by preventing damage and injury. Potential causes of damage and injury are termed hazards; we want to maximize mission effectiveness through the elimination or control of hazards, thus managing risk to an acceptable level and thereby preventing mishaps. To be effective, all 1st MAW Marines, Sailors and Civilian Marines must promote an active safety culture that is constantly renewed by fresh ideas. Professionalism and creativity can mitigate complacently. I view safety and risk management as natural products of professionalism and mission-focused warriors.

How does this impact your ability to fight?

As the Nation's Expeditionary Force-in-Readiness, the Marine Corps must maintain itself for immediate employment in "any clime and place" and in any type of conflict. Our concept for winning is a warfighting doctrine based on rapid, flexible, and opportunistic maneuver. The Wing cannot afford the consequences of poor safety cultures – broken planes, broken equipment, broken people, and broken lives, forcing us into the fight with units less than whole and degraded. The expectations of immediate employment and execution of our combat, contingency, or crisis mission sets require focused professionalism, thriving safety cultures, and aviation warriors who are willing to act with initiative.

What do I want you to do?

1. Pursue personal and professional excellence - the effect of which will be increased awareness, sound judgment, the ability to predict consequences, and a bias to 'do the right thing.'

2. Every member of 1st MAW is a Safety Leader. Leadership is a key element in establishing the safety culture, and all levels in the Chain of Command must emphasize and incorporate safety and risk management into all aspects of our business, on- and off-duty.

3. Bring to the attention of your command through established procedures, the existence of any unsafe or unhealthful operation or working condition.

4. Report both on- and off-duty mishaps and near misses (a near miss is an unplanned event that did not result in injury, illness, or damage - but had the potential to do so) to your leaders/supervisors. Civilian Marines shall report all on-duty mishaps and near misses to their supervisors. Leaders and supervisors will in turn, report the incident to the Chain of Command and Command Safety Office.

5. Comply with the requirements of the Marine Corps Safety Program for ground and aviation safety (reference below).

Reference: MCO 5100.29B, Marine Corps Safety Program; OPNAVINST 3750.6S, Naval Aviation Safety Management System

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