



# MACS-4 Commanding Officer's

## Policy on Safety



The safety policy at MACS-4 is simple and direct: Safety is an integral part of how we do business and live our lives. Leaders who care about their Marines care for their welfare and safety. Marines must make risk management decisions in everything they do and not take unacceptable risk. Marines must hold each other accountable, on and off duty, to do the right thing and set the example for others to follow.

We face risk when we move and set-up equipment, drive vehicles, work on our gear, and conduct activities while on liberty. We cannot allow our Marines and Sailors or our gear to be hurt, damaged, or lost due to complacency or a failure in situational awareness. Taking action to prevent an incident before it occurs can save time and resources later on, including our most precious resource, our Marines, Sailors, and their families.

**Accidents don't happen by accident**, they are caused. Every Marine and Sailor must avoid the mindset of "it won't happen to me." Repetitive actions over time, combined with unmanaged risk, will eventually result in injury or even death. The Marine Corps needs every Marine, each is valuable and irreplaceable.

To be competent, Marines and Sailors are required to know safety orders and practices related to their job and liberty activities. Every safety regulation and order is written for a reason. Leadership throughout MACS-4 is responsible for ensuring our young Marines and Sailors have the knowledge, tools, training, and personal protective equipment required to execute their mission without unnecessary risk. Lack of adherence to, or ignorance of, safety policies are not excuses for injury or damaged equipment.

While we must never lose sight that we are in a profession of arms, we must remember that we lose more Marines from off-duty mishaps and training events than we do from combat. Therefore, everything we do – exercises, operations, physical training, and liberty – will encompass a well thought out plan. We will apply common sense and solid judgment to all our activities. We will mitigate risk through the use of risk management procedures.

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