

Commanding Officer
Marine Wing Communications Squadron 18
Safety Policy Statement

Safety – “a state in which or a place where you are safe and not in danger or at risk; the state of being safe and protected from danger or harm.” As a Marine Corps, the very nature of what we do as a premier warfighting organization, implies that we will continue to operate in dangerous environments that challenge the definitions of safety on an enduring basis. It is therefore most critical that we commit to incorporating safety mishap mitigation and operationalizing risk management (RM) as part of everything we do. Risk management is the process of identifying, assessing, and controlling risks arising from operational factors and making decisions that balance risk costs with mission benefits. At times we will accept risk, even extreme risk. The key is that we will accept risk as a conscious decision, at the time and place of our choice. We will never accept risk simply as a matter of expediency or convenience.



As a Squadron, risk management begins with leadership engagement at all echelons, and it continues with individual Marine actions in sound judgement and discipline. Leaders - teach, mentor, and enforce the standards; it is our duty. I expect every Marine to ensure personal protective equipment and risk management practices are being conducted and to take action to stop unsafe acts and hazards wherever they exist. I also expect every Marine to demonstrate that critical leadership trait - Judgment - in every environment: combat, training, workplace, and liberty. Sound individual judgment and action is critical to protecting every Marine and is a basic responsibility of every Marine in this Squadron.

We must train as we fight and we must preserve our most precious warfighting assets, our people and equipment – we can and will do both. The families of our great nation have provided the Marine Corps their sons and daughters with trust that we will lead, care for and protect their loved ones in battle, training, routine operations, and off-duty– we will not let them down.

Further requirements and guidance for the Marine Corps Safety Program can be found in MCO 5100.29B, Marine Corps Safety Program, OPNAVINST 3750.6S, Naval Aviation Safety Management System, and from the Squadron Safety Officer, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Douglas Cox, who can be reached at douglas.cox@usmc.mil or DSN 315-645-3655.

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