



MALS-12 Safety Policy



The Marines and Sailors of this squadron must embrace safety as a value. Treating safety in this regard drives our decisions in thinking about, recognizing, and driving our decisions in properly identifying risk in our on duty and off duty activities. We must continue to remind ourselves to rethink perceived urgencies that may tempt us to accept unnecessary or avoidable risk. Safety, and risk awareness are values that must continue to be an integral part of our daily on duty and off duty lifestyles, rather than “buzz words” we throw around on Friday afternoons.

Safety is an “All Hands” responsibility. Officers, SNCOs, and NCOs must ensure safety and operational risk management are fundamental aspects of all MOS and green side training and operations. All members of MALS-12 are empowered to act as safety observers and have the power to halt any real or perceived risk of injury or accident.

WHEN YOU OBSERVE AN UNSAFE SITUATION, CORRECT IT, WITHOUT HESITATION

A successful safety program is not complex. Most importantly, it requires common sense as well as compliance with established procedures, and a commitment to look out for each other. Whether on duty or off duty, on the job or at home, consider the consequences of every action and situation you may find yourself in. Ask yourself, what could possibly go wrong and what can be done to minimize the risk? No one intentionally sets out to hurt themselves, cause injury to someone else, or to damage aircraft or equipment. However, this can happen through a lack of professionalism, accepting complacency, carelessness, or an attitude that “we’ve always done it this way.” **Be especially aware of risks associated with the consumption of alcohol.**

Any Marine or Sailor “taken out of the fight” by our own negligence is only doing the enemy’s job for him. Our line of work places us in a particularly risky business. We must mitigate and control those risks in order to safely achieve the mission our nation and the Marine Corps have trusted us with. You have the duty and responsibility to ensure everyone stays in the fight through safe actions. Most importantly, have the moral courage and intestinal fortitude to stop and correct the improper actions of others.

Semper Fidelis,

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