

Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group - 36

Safety Policy

Marine Corps Aviation is an inherently dangerous business. It is incredibly unforgiving of inattention, procedural short cuts, or knowledge shortfalls. There are some risks in our calling that cannot be mitigated. Many though, are easily addressed and reduced to acceptable levels if we are willing to take the time to do so.

Safety is not a goal in and of itself. It is the byproduct of a professional approach to all we do, and common sense should lead the way. To preserve our family and our assets, we need to bring a professional approach to our lives, both on and off-duty.

In order to maximize our combat effectiveness through this lens we will do the following:

- **Have a plan.** Think ahead, and have a simple and executable plan for everything you do. Success is not an accident; it is a result of carefully executing a detailed plan built on knowledge and adherence to published procedures, and experience.
- **Brief the plan.** Officers, SNCOs, NCOs, and junior Marines and Sailors will ensure the ORM steps are used when making risk decisions. Be engaged and ask questions if you don't know what is expected of you. Know your job and always seek to learn more; use your knowledge to be a mentor, pass your knowledge on and train your replacement.
- **Elevate the plan.** Be vigilant and look out for the Marine or Sailor to your left and right. If you see something unsafe, be bold, speak up. Break the chain of events that could lead to a mishap. Bring the situation up to your leadership if you don't have a solution, or the resources to mitigate a hazard. If the immediate chain of command does not address the concern, personally contact Aviation or Ground Safety Officers, write to the ANYMOUSE box, use ASAP on your phone, or contact the Sergeant Major, the Executive Officer, or myself. Communicate!
- **Report.** Report both on and off-duty mishaps, and near misses, to your chain of command. Use the Incident Tracking System and the appropriate reporting procedure per MCO 5100.29C, the Marine Corps Safety Management System, and OPNAVINST 3750.6S, the Naval Aviation Safety Management System. Remember, every event that had the potential to result in injury, damage to an aircraft, or even death, can teach a valuable lesson to the Marines and Sailors who follow.

No training objective or maintenance action is worth the loss of life, limb, or valuable asset. Be smart, be safe, look out for one another and together we can preserve our most precious assets, our Marines and Sailors.



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