



Marine Air Support Squadron 2 Commanding Officer's Statement on Safety



Every Pacific Vagabond must be actively engaged in the Marine Corps Safety Management system and remain vigilant to evade the persistent "**blue threat risk to force**." Every Vagabond must make smart, risk-informed, decisions, **whether on or off duty**. Safety mishaps can occur to anyone, **regardless of rank**. All Marines and Sailors are directed to halt activities if they observe an unmitigated risk to their safety or that of their fellow servicemembers. There will be no reprisals for anyone who takes responsible actions to prevent a safety incident. We must foster a strong safety environment that encompasses the following attributes:

Safety Culture: Leaders at every level must ensure that this policy is clearly understood and implemented in garrison, during training, and when executing operations. Our leaders must actively promote and prioritize safety, setting the example for all. **Safety is not an after-thought**. An effective safety-oriented mindset must be "baked-in" to our culture, our decision-making, and our actions.

Continuous Risk Management: Every action we take must be accompanied by appropriate Risk Management (RM) measures. We must continuously assess and mitigate risks to force. No Marine shall assume any risk to force that is not their risk to assume.

Proactive Safety Practices: Proactive safety practices include, but not limited to, monthly Safety Council meetings, monthly Force Preservation Councils, workspace spot checks, safety training, conducting personal protective equipment checks & inspections, and appointing Safety Representatives in every company.

Open Communication: All personnel should feel comfortable reporting hazards, mishaps, and concerns related to safety. Open communication channels are vital for identifying and addressing potential risks promptly.

Learning from Incidents: When an incident or a near-miss occurs, we must use these as learning opportunities. We promote a culture of accountability and continuous improvement by thoroughly investigating incidents, identifying root causes, and implementing corrective actions to prevent similar occurrences in the future.

Balance: While our mission is inherently dangerous, we must not needlessly put our personnel at risk. We will not sacrifice safety for the sake of expediency or convenience. We shall move at the speed of competence to ensure we bring every Vagabond home safely once the mission is complete.

If you have any questions, please contact the Safety Officer at mass2safety@usmc.onmicrosoft.com.

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