



National Safety Month 2013


Accidental Army fatalities remain at near record lows, continuing a positive trend indicative of a growing awareness of the importance of safety in our formations. Leaders, Soldiers and Department of Army Civilians deserve credit for this success, and we commend you all for your hard work.


Keeping safety at the forefront of our consciousness is an imperative for all of us. This June, the Army's observation of National Safety Month gives leaders at all levels an opportunity to evaluate their safety programs and think about risk in the months ahead. Four topic areas will be highlighted each week during the month: civilian injury, aviation safety, ground safety and driving safety. A complete multimedia campaign themed around each of these topics will be available at the US Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center website (<https://safety.army.mil>) beginning 1 June. Be sure to visit throughout the month for the latest materials you can share with your Army team.


We are making steadfast progress in our efforts to ensure safety is embedded in all that we do, yet more work remains. History indicates deaths resulting from accidents will increase significantly through the end of summer. Our data analyses indicate that warmer weather results in more off-duty activities, which include higher risk behaviors resulting in increased injury and fatality rates. As such, we need to be particularly mindful of not repeating the past. Leaders at all levels can make a difference by becoming personally involved and fostering a positive safety climate enabling our Soldiers, Civilians and Family members to effectively manage their personal risk.

Thank you for supporting National Safety Month and the Army Safety Program. The safety of every member of our Army team is a critical component of readiness. Accidents leave us vulnerable, but risk management makes us stronger.

ARMY SAFE IS ARMY STRONG!


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