

Commanding Officer's Safety Management Systems Policy




Our mission as Marines and Sailors is inherently dangerous. At all levels, we must ensure that we maintain a strict adherence to published standards and procedures. Failure to do so may result in serious bodily harm or death to our most valuable asset- the individual Marine or Sailor. This is why all personnel are required to actively engage in the Marine Corps Safety Management System (MCSMS).

Force preservation is an integral part of our mission and must be considered in all actions that our Marines and Sailors take whether on or off-duty. Our Officer and SNCO leaders must be actively engaged in the Risk Management (RM) process to ensure that we mitigate potential hazards while implementing the proper safety controls. The command will conduct written risk assessments using the JRAT Matrix tool which can be found at <https://jrat.safety.army.mil/login.aspx>.

Equally important, peers need to be actively engaged in safeguarding the welfare of those Marine and Sailors on their flanks and have the moral courage to challenge poor decisions and acts- EVERY Marine and Sailor has an obligation to report unsafe acts. EVERY Marine and Sailor has an obligation to correct unsafe situations. Be proactive regardless of rank or billet. Our appointed Safety Representatives will help identify local safety and occupational health requirements, evaluate and abate local hazards, establish procedures for reporting and investigating mishaps, and ensure we are in compliance with Safety and Occupational Health standards. This will be verified by quarterly safety inspections on facilities, processes, and equipment.

Our actions must be guided by the proper procedures set forth in the Joint Regimental Safety SOP, applicable technical manuals, and grounded in the tenets of RM and common sense. Safety will never be compromised in pursuit of mission accomplishment and leaders at all levels must ensure that our Marines and Sailors follow established safety procedures and make good life choices while on liberty in order to preserve the force. The destruction of our people and material assets robs us of our strength and combat power. Preserving combat power is everyone's responsibility and directly linked to the mission accomplishment and morale of the battalion. Preserve our vital resources so we will be combat effective when called upon to do violence to our enemies!

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