



# COMMANDING OFFICER 1ST BATTALION, 10TH MARINES SAFETY POLICY



*Be Professional, Adaptable, and Lethal*

Being a Marine or Sailor assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Marines is inherently dangerous and requires emphasis on safety by all personnel. The sheer number of vehicles and the nature of our business demand situational awareness from everyone. Whether on or off duty, in garrison or in the field, everyone in this Battalion is a safety officer.

Preventable accidents impair our ability to complete our mission and adversely impact our readiness. No task is so urgent that it must be accomplished at the expense of safe work practices.

Leaders and operators at all levels are responsible for implementing, maintaining and enforcing the Battalion's safety standards. All personnel will receive appropriate training for their assigned job. Supervisors will review their work environment to keep it free of hazards.

I require all personnel to comply with established safety procedures and regulations. Proactive involvement in mishap prevention will help ensure the well-being of our Marines and Sailors. All personnel are obligated to report potentially unsafe or unhealthy work conditions to their supervisors for immediate corrections. Any reprisals for these actions will not be tolerated. The correction of problems, not the placing of blame, is the objective of the Battalion's safety program.

All personnel have an individual responsibility to observe precautions applicable to their task by using Risk Management (RM). Be alert to your environment. Operations will be halted when they place personnel, facilities or equipment in danger. Notify the Chain of Command and the Safety Officer immediately. RM is equally important off-duty and should be incorporated in all facets of your life. Making sound decisions regarding safety both on and off-duty is directly linked to our mission accomplishment.

Preparing for combat is our mission. While certain training evolutions entail varying elements of risk, participation should not place Marines or Sailors in harm's way needlessly. Safety is an integral part of our mission. We must ensure all training is conducted safely while retaining the realism necessary to meet valid training objectives.

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