



## Commander's Safety Policy Statement



The Marines, Sailors, and the families of 1/3 are our most valuable asset, and as such, we must safeguard our personnel from mishap or accident. Risk Management, Force Preservation Councils and other programs exist to help maintain our readiness. I want to express my commitment to safety management and the provision of a safe, healthy operating environment.

We have a responsibility to take all the reasonable steps to aid our force preservation efforts by not contributing to mishaps or safety risk during training and exercises. What we do is often inherently dangerous, so we must deliberately plan and execute our assigned missions/tasks.

Risk Management will be implemented into all phases of mission planning and execution, regardless of the scope of operation. By implementing Risk Management and establishing a positive command safety climate, we can aggressively accomplish the mission without unnecessary risk to our Marines and Sailors.

All leaders within 1/3 will take immediate action to address any potential hazards that may arise. Effective immediately, a force protection continuing action will be for all leaders to ask the following two questions:

- What are the risks associated with the mission/task?
- What have I done to reduce those risks?

Additional responsibilities for leaders include but are not limited to:

- Timely dissemination of force preservation information.
- Timely reporting of mishaps (on and off duty) to the Command Safety Officer.
- All units/sections will have a designated (in writing) Safety NCO.
- Convene a monthly Safety Counsel Board and Force Preservation Council.

The health and safety of all personnel and family members is essential to our combat readiness and effectiveness. An active approach to health and safe practices will not only minimize risk, but also financial costs arising from mishaps and injury. Through our combined efforts we will create a safe and healthy operating environment.

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