

**COMMANDING OFFICER
1st Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment**

**SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL RISK MANAGEMENT
POLICY STATEMENT**



Serving in an infantry battalion is inherently one of the most dangerous occupations in the world. A unit's focus on safety is vital to mitigate unnecessary risk, preserve the force, and support the morale of its Marines and Sailors. Managing risk to acceptable levels and instilling a safety minded culture within a unit are some of the most important responsibilities that leaders have. Safety is the sacred responsibility of every Marine and Sailor in this battalion and will be approached with the utmost professionalism, seriousness, and educated judgment.

It is impossible to eliminate all risk from our training and operations. However, a comprehensive, collaborative, and standards-based operational risk management program will be utilized before, during, and after all unit actions to mitigate risk, protect the force and preserve the trust of the members of the battalion. Safety considerations should be a foundational part of all decisions and actions, from the commander approving live-fire training plans to the squad leader conducting a hasty attack in an actual combat environment, to a Marine using the correct protective equipment and alerting others to dangers that arise in the course of their duties. Pre-combat inspections and checks, relentless leadership supervision, and supporting/rewarding those who demonstrate the intellect and courage to identify and address safety shortfalls are all part of a vibrant and effective safety culture within the unit. Operational risk management and a culture of safety will be incorporated in all aspects of 1st Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment's operations. Constant and disciplined adherence to established safety guidelines, check lists, and directives are the expectation.

These checklists are written in blood!

The command's ground safety officer is First Lieutenant Kevin Cameron and can be reached at (808)257-1475 or kevin.cameron3@usmc.mil.

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