

**COMMANDING OFFICER**  
**1st Battalion, 3d Marines**

**SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL RISK**  
**MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT**



Safety is not only essential to force preservation for mission accomplishment, but it is simply the right thing to do with regard to taking care of our Marines and Sailors.

Safety reaches beyond the boundaries of duty and should be inherent to how we conduct leave and liberty. Several Marine Corps and command policies are in place to mitigate risk and protect our personnel. These include but are not limited to "out of bounds" and motorcycle operation policies. The safety of our Marines and Sailors is paramount. Special focus should be placed on vehicle and physical training safety. In garrison, while training, and off duty, there is no objective that warrants the risk associated with exceeding the limits of safe driving under any conditions. Injury or worse due to negligence or poor judgment is not indicative of our leadership principles and could have catastrophic effects on our ability to accomplish our mission. All Marines and Sailors must be familiar with policies regarding fatigue, alcohol, seatbelts, and cell phone use. Well planned training events which utilize operational risk management are critical to our battle against risk and mishap. Additional guidance and policy with regard to training safety has been issued with training guidance. There is inherent risk in what we do but we must effectively manage and mitigate that risk.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. We are charged to protect those that our nation has entrusted to us. This does not preclude us from also ensuring the safety of our peers and those senior to us. If it looks or feels unsafe, say something. Risk management must be a standard procedure in all that we do. All Marines must constantly assess and strive to mitigate risk. 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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