



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT
U.S. ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY
WEST POINT, NEW YORK 10996-1197

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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19 April 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR Personnel Assigned/Attached to Warrior Transition Unit, West Point, New York
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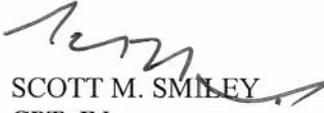
SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum #6, Safety

1. **Reference:** AR 385-10, Army Safety Program
AR 385-40, Accident Reporting and Records
AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents
2. **Purpose:** To provide guidance outlining the commitment to protect the safety and health of all assigned/attached Soldiers.
3. **Applicability:** This policy applies to all assigned and attached personnel within the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU).
4. I expect all personnel to take all precautions necessary to prevent any accidents or injuries to themselves and others when operating any personal or government owned vehicle. Anything less is unacceptable. Mission operations, training, and personal vehicle use must be reviewed to reduce risk and deliberately set preventive measures against identified or perceived hazards. Safety and accident prevention is a leader and an individual responsibility. Leaders need to set high standards and enforce them, know their Soldiers, know their individual limitations, and eliminate dangerous training tasks or reduce them to the greatest extent possible. Logical approaches to safety when operating a vehicle or performing training are as follows and should be considered:
 - a. Know in detail, the equipment being used, and the facilities being utilized for training.
 - b. Identify the risk that the equipment or facilities present (electrical shock, rotating equipment, heat injury, falling objects, etc...)
 - c. Evaluate water danger and safety issues relative to swimming in unfamiliar streams, lakes and rivers. When participating in boating activities, jet skiing, fishing or water skiing; ensure that all proper and authorized life jackets or other safety clothing is used.
 - d. In inclement weather, personnel should take certain safety precautions into consideration such as keeping a blanket and other emergency items in your vehicle in case of break-downs or other emergencies.
 - e. Ensure that proper physical protection or practices are in place to eliminate or reduce the identified/perceived risks involving all day to day activities.

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5. All Soldiers must be personally and aggressively involved in the enforcement of safety both on and off duty. We cannot accept the cost of the loss of our Soldiers or their families. If a Soldier witnesses a potentially unsafe act during normal duty, during training or off-duty, it is his/her responsibility to notify their chain of command and that the activity be stopped until a proper evaluation/or correction(s) is made.
6. Unit leaders and supervisors will identify both the hazards and risks involved with each training event and ensure Soldiers are briefed prior to conducting training or any other potentially hazardous event.
7. This policy supersedes all previous policies on this subject.
8. Point of contact this policy is the undersigned at (845) 938-0264.


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