



I MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE SUPPORT BATTALION

SAFETY STATEMENT

Our profession involves inherent risk. Deliberate planning, proper risk mitigation, and an emphasis on safety are critical in ensuring we train like we fight. Safety is the responsibility of all Marines and Sailors within our unit. We all must foster a force preservation culture that encourages the identification of potential hazards which may lead to mishaps. I require all Marines and Sailors within I MSB to consciously work in order to mitigate possible mishaps through professional behavior, the use of leadership and Operational Risk Management (ORM).

I MSB will prepare for combat while maintaining the highest standards of risk mitigation and operational supervision. The fundamentals of safety apply both on and off-duty. No member of the I MSB team is exempt from safety practices. If any member has concerns about safety, I direct you to safely put a stop to any unsafe action(s) and notify the chain of command immediately.

Complacency kills. I trust all members of our unit to foster a safe and healthy personal and professional working environment. A deliberate approach to building and maintaining mental, moral, and physical discipline are essential elements to the overall safety of our personnel and will not be neglected. Additionally, the safe handling of weapons, proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and the safe operation of government and personal vehicles and equipment are NOT optional.

Off-duty incidents do more to degrade our combat effectiveness than any enemy action on the battlefield. We will conduct ourselves safely in everything that we do as a fundamental habit of action.

Our Marines and Sailors are our greatest asset. The loss of life or injury to any Marine or Sailor due to negligence or complacency is unacceptable. Our leaders are responsible for inspecting, addressing, and correcting safety issues for our Marines and Sailors- they will be held accountable for any failure to do so.

Disciplined leaders set conditions for effective risk mitigation, while enabling planning and execution of training and operations. When it comes to safety, I expect every member of our team to remain personally and professionally vigilant in any clime and place.



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