



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Command Safety Philosophy

1. Safety is a critical component of military training and operations. Safeguarding our personnel and equipment so they are ready to train and fight another day is what this is all about.
2. The three keys to safety are leadership, discipline and performing every mission and task to standard. Effective, caring leaders show their troopers the standard for every task every day. Then trained troopers must be disciplined to do the right thing when no one is watching. That means executing assigned tasks to the standard. These are simple concepts that must be consistently and constantly reinforced.
3. We look at safety on three levels. I expect every trooper to watch out for themselves and their buddy. I expect junior officers and non-commissioned officers to know what their officers and troopers are doing and how they are doing it. Finally, the chain of command must set the conditions and build the lane where troopers can train aggressively but safely.
4. Leaders at all levels will use FM 5-19, Composite Risk Management (CRM), to perform their risk management tasks. CRM is a five step process: **(1)** Identify hazards; **(2)** Assess hazards to determine risk; **(3)** Develop controls and make risk decisions; **(4)** Implement controls; **(5)** Supervise and evaluate. This process is leader's business; therefore, it will be a key part of our training and certification program.
5. I want every trooper to get **M-A-D** about their business. The three components of **M-A-D** are:
  - a. Mature. Know your limits and capability. Don't confuse enthusiasm with capability.
  - b. Aggressive. Perform aggressively within your known capabilities.
  - c. Disciplined. Perform all tasks to the published or briefed standard.
6. Finally, every trooper is charged with identifying unsafe conditions and either correcting them or notifying someone in their chain of command who can.

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7. Do the right thing!

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