



COMMANDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON SAFETY



Our military and civilian personnel aboard Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point are the most vital assets in the conduct of our mission and must be preserved. A careless loss of life or preventable injury reduces readiness and effectiveness. Our culture must embrace an innovative approach to maintaining and improving safe practices aboard the Air Station during operations, training, and recreation.

Safety is a product of operational excellence, central to readiness, and will be incorporated in our actions on and off duty. Leaders must guard against reckless behavior.

All personnel must be actively engaged in the Marine Corps Safety Management System, understanding:

- Safety is everyone's personal responsibility. Each person must actively identify hazards and mitigate risk to maintain individual and unit readiness.
- Safety is part of doing business right. Reinforce good practices and call out the bad ones.
- Be assertive and challenge unsafe actions in the workplace or on liberty. We all make mistakes – learn from them and move on.
- When hazards are identified, they are appropriately handled or mitigated, not ignored.

The most important facet of every successful safety program is leadership. At all levels, leadership is the fundamental means to prevent accidental death, injury, and equipment damage.

While risk is inherent in many things that we do, we must learn to mitigate when able and elevate risk acceptance decisions to the appropriate level when unable. Collectively, we must strive to take care of one another and preserve our most important warfighting assets – our Marines, Sailors, and Civilians.

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