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GREAT FLYING STOVES!

Have you ever deliberately put yourself in a situation you didn't think you'd get out of alive, only to survive and vow never to do the same thing again? If so, you're not alone. I'm lucky I'm alive and well after all the stupid stuff I've done. When you're young, it's hard to distinguish risk from what we perceive as adventure.



FATAL FOCUS

It's natural for an aircrew to be focused on performing its mission. But what happens when focus crosses the line into fixation? What happens when situational awareness is momentarily sacrificed in a crowded sky?



SNOWBOUND

Sometimes we make decisions contrary to our training. When we leave the military environment at the end of a work day, a lot of us leave our risk management training at the door.

PRODUCTS & TOOLS



Learn the safety culture and climate within your organization.



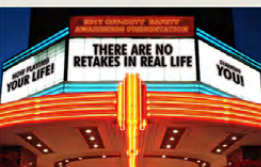
A collection of resources to aid commanders and leaders in the management of range operations and safe weapons handling.



Great resource for finding a local riding association, and learning to be a safer rider.



ReportIt is the single Army accident and risk management system for collecting injury, illness and loss data.



Make your Soldiers aware of the off-duty hazards they'll face with the Off-duty Safety Awareness Presentation.



Going on leave, pass or TDY? Don't forget to first complete your Travel Risk Planning System assessment.

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ACCIDENT BRIEFS

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A Soldier died when his vehicle exited the roadway, struck a tree and caught fire.

ENGAGEMENT TIPS

Do your talk with your Soldiers about the dangers of driving distracted, remind them to obey posted speed limits and recommend they travel with a battle buddy if feasible?



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When standards aren't enforced or followed, that's when an mishap is likely to happen.

Whether handling an assigned or a privately owned weapon, remember to always **THINK** safety.

TREAT EVERY WEAPON AS IF IT IS LOADED.

HANDLE EVERY WEAPON WITH CARE.

IDENTIFY THE TARGET BEFORE YOU FIRE.

NEVER POINT THE MUZZLE AT ANYTHING YOU DON'T INTEND TO SHOOT.

KEEP THE WEAPON ON SAFE AND YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOU INTEND TO FIRE.

YOUR LIFE, OUR LOSS

When a Soldier dies in a preventable accident, it has a detrimental effect on the morale and welfare of the unit. That Soldier's absence, however, extends far beyond the Army because often they also leave behind a heartbroken family, friends and colleagues. Remember, **IT'S YOUR LIFE, BUT OUR LOSS.**

Visit our **Range and Weapons Safety Toolbox** at <https://safety.army.mil> for more information about safe weapons handling.



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