




# Local Area Hazards Course

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# Munitions Are Dangerous

## Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

- 
- R**ecognize - when you see a munition and that it is dangerous
  - R**etreat - do not touch it, but carefully leave the area
  - R**eport - call local authorities to report what you saw

# 3Rs - Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

 **NOT EVERY  
BOMB LOOKS  
LIKE A BOMB**

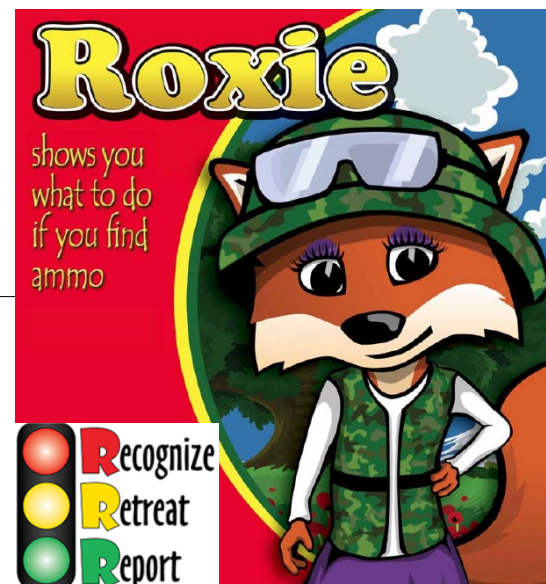


If you see anything  
that looks strange  
on the ground,  
be sure to **stay away**.  
Tell a grownup to **call**  
**Range Operations at**  
**334-255-4303**  
and report it.



- UXO can be found anywhere, most likely in areas currently or formerly used for military training or testing
- In the event people encounter suspected UXO, they should back away, note the location, and ...
- **Call Range Operations at**  
**334-255-4303** to report.

For more 3Rs and UXO awareness  
information please visit:  
<https://3Rs.mil>



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# 3Rs - What Are Munitions?

**Munitions include:**

Artillery  
& Mortar  
Rounds



Bombs



Grenades



Small Arms Ammunition



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# 3Rs - What Is UXO?

## What is Unexploded Ordnance?

As defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(e)(5)(A) through (C), the term “unexploded ordnance” means military munitions that:

- (A) Have been primed, fused, armed, or otherwise prepared for action;
- (B) Have been fired, dropped, launched, projected, or placed in such a manner as to constitute a hazard to operations, installations, personnel, or material; and
- (C) Remain unexploded, whether by malfunction, design, or any other cause.



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# 3Rs - Munitions Vary In Appearance

Munitions are dangerous regardless of appearance:

- Munition type, shape, size, age, or condition doesn't matter.
- Flares, simulators, and blasting caps are all dangerous.



# 3Rs - Munitions Vary In Appearance

Souvenir munitions can be dangerous:

If you **did not**  
drop it,  
**do not**  
pick it up!

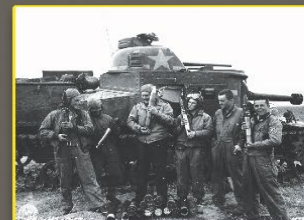
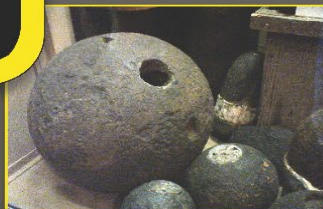
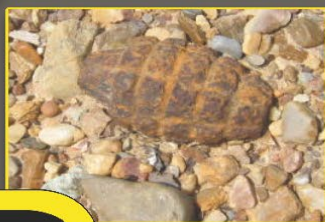
***SOUVENIR MUNITIONS CAN KILL!***

Learn and Follow  
the **3Rs**

**RECOGNIZE:** The danger that a souvenir  
munition poses to yourself,  
your family and your neighbors

**RETREAT:** Do not disturb, touch or move it  
Do not give or throw it away

**REPORT:** Call local authorities



<https://3Rs.mil>

# 3Rs - Examples Of Warning Signs

Trespassing in areas with warning signs that say **“Off Limits”** or **“Keep Out”**:

- Is hazardous and prohibited by law.
- May result in substantial fines.
- May result in injury or death.





# 3Rs - What To Do If You Encounter Munitions:

## Recognize

Munitions are dangerous and may:

- not look like a bullet or bomb.
- be shiny or rusty.
- be clean or dirty.
- look harmless, but they are dangerous.

Regardless of whether a munition has been moved, it may still explode.

## Retreat

- Do not approach, touch, move, or disturb it, but carefully leave the area the same way you entered.
- In remote surroundings, mark the general area where you encountered a munition, so local authorities can locate it. DO NOT go closer to a munition when marking the area.

## Report

Call Range Operations at **334-255-4303** to report what you saw and where





# Amnesty Program

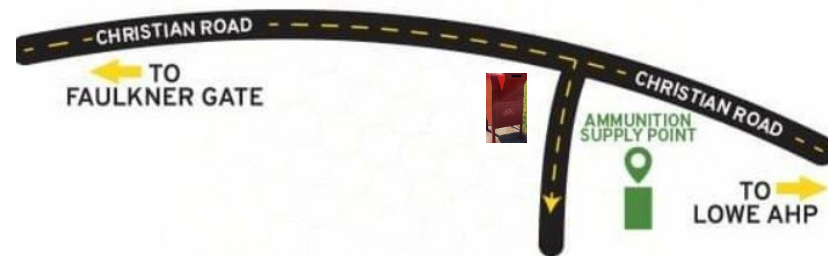
The Installation holds an annual Amnesty Day

- Anonymously drop off unused, unwanted, or unauthorized military ammunition to the ASP with no questions asked.

## Two Amnesty Boxes:

- Beside driveway at entrance to ASP off Christian Road.
- In front of the Fortenberry-Colton PFC on Skychief St.

To turn in ammunition greater than .50-caliber, contact the QASAS at 334-255-4898.



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# Training Areas = No Unauthorized Access

**RANGES, TRAINING AREAS AND IMPACT AREAS ARE OFF-LIMITS!**



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Restricted Area, Off Limits, and Training Area signs may be posted along the border of certain training areas. Do not enter these areas.

Entry into these areas places personnel at risk of serious injury.

Fort Novosel limits running, jogging, biking, swimming and walking to authorized areas for your safety! Training areas, including those adjacent to the cantonment area are **OFF-LIMITS!** Be safe and stay in areas designated for recreational use, like Parcours fitness trail behind the IHG Army Hotel or the Beaver Lake jogging and hiking trail.



VISIT [HTTPS://HOME.ARMY.MIL/NOVOSEL/INDEX.PHP/TA](https://home.army.mil/novosel/index.php/ta) FOR MORE INFO

For questions about accessible areas, contact DFMWR Sports & Fitness at 334-255-2296 or DFMWR Outdoor Recreation at 334-255-4305

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# **U.S. ARMY Training Areas = No Unauthorized Access**

All Training Areas (TA) are restricted access.

For your safety, the installation limits:

- Running, Jogging, Biking, Swimming and Walking to authorized areas.
- Training areas, including those adjacent to the cantonment area, are OFF-LIMITS!
  - For example, training areas (TA) that border housing areas.
  - Residents are not authorized to walk their pets, hike, bike, or run within these areas.
- When TA's are not being used for Soldier training, they may be open for hunting.
  - Hunters MUST check into areas following the directions on iSportsman at <https://FortNovosel.isportsman.net>

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# **U.S. ARMY Training Areas = No Unauthorized Access**

All Training Areas (TA) are restricted access.

Even if you don't see signs prohibiting it, you are NOT allowed to be inside the TA's without proper access granted.

- Be safe and stay in areas designated for recreational fitness activities.
- for more information visit <https://home.army.mil/Novosel/index.php/ta>



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# Heat Safety

## Local Weather

- Even during springtime, heat – with or without humidity, can take a toll on the body
  - Make the time to acclimate.
  - Know the signs of heat illness.
    - Types of heat illnesses include heat cramps, heat exhaustion, heat stroke.
  - Reschedule outdoor work and strenuous activities for another day or until the coolest time of day
  - Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water
- Methods USAACE incorporate for Soldier safety are shown on the following slide...
  - For more on local weather conditions visit
    - <https://26ows.us.af.mil/> (CAC required)
    - Then “change location” to KOZR

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# Heat Safety

USAACE Heat Injury Prevention Methods Include:

Arm Immersion



Tracking System



Camelback/PPE/GPS



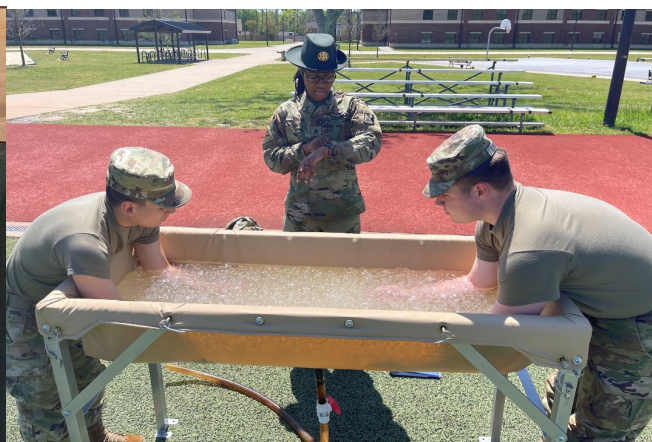
Wet Bulb, Ice Sheets



Ice Water Coolers on Buses



Arm Immersion Training



Cooler & Ice Sheets located at all Flight Operations



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# Army Traffic Safety Training Program

## Local Driving Hazards Briefing

In FY21, the Army lost 67 Soldiers to off-duty private motor vehicle mishaps.

- Those 67 deaths accounted for 78% of all the off-duty fatalities during that time frame.

Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation, *USACRC*, 2 March 2022



Click on the picture for a video from USACRC



Alabama had 934 traffic fatalities in 2020.

*National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,  
Traffic Safety Facts Alabama 2016-2020*

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# Motorcycle Rider Training

MSF certification courses offered

## Basic Rider Course (BRC)

- 2 Days of academic and hands-on learning
- Required **PRIOR** to Soldiers riding per AR 385-10
- ❖ **No Experience Required!**
- ❖ **Motorcycle and Helmet Provided**

## Advanced Rider Course (ARC)

- 8 Hours, advanced riding skills
- Replaced BRC2, ERC and MSRC

## Sustainment Training

- Every 5-years
- Complete ARC

## Motorcycle Refresher Training (MRT)

- Soldiers deployed more than 180 days.
  - Mandatory prior to operating motorcycle, with the exception of riding to the training site.
- Provided at the Unit level
  - Contact your Unit Motorcycle Mentor



Register using AIRS: <https://imc.army.mil/airs/default.aspx>

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# Motorcycle Rider Training

MSF certification courses offered

## Army BRC Requirement

- Required **PRIOR** to **Soldiers** riding per AR 385-10
  - (Refer to 11-9b(1))
- Other Military Personnel follow their Department guidance



## International Military Students

- Register through your Liaison Office



## DoD Civilian Operators

- May attend Space-A only
  - This does NOT apply to Family Members, Retirees, or any “other” civilians
  - BRC is not a prerequisite to attend the ARC
    - For ARC: Must be Licensed, Insured, have Proper PPE, and be able to pass the Motorcycle Inspection (T-CLOCS)  
<https://safety.army.mil/OFF-DUTY/PMV-2-Motorcycles/Training>.

## Certification Cards

- MSF Certification from other training locations are accepted
- Local Commander has discretionary authority to require retraining

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# Motorcycle Statement of Responsibility

## Statement of Motorcycle Operator Responsibilities

### Required for Military Personnel

- ✓ Soldier
- ✓ Service member from another service
- ✓ Service member from another country
  - Known or potential motorcycle rider will
    - Be provided a copy
    - Review the requirements
    - Complete the Statement
- ✓ Documentation maintained by supervisory personnel
  - Commander or First Sergeant signature
  - Contact your Unit Motorcycle Mentor

#### Statement of Military Motorcycle Operator Responsibilities

1. I am a Soldier in the U.S. Army or a military service member from another service or country assigned to the US Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) or Fort Rucker. I have identified myself as a potential motorcycle rider (current or future). I understand my responsibility as an operator of a motorcycle is to ride in a safe manner and in accordance with the provisions of local laws, DOD and Army regulations, directives, and local policies.

2. I understand that before I operate a motorcycle (either street or off-road) on or off a DOD installation and on or off duty, I will be appropriately licensed, will successfully complete a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (or a Motorcycle Safety Foundation based state approved) course prior to operating a motorcycle, comply with the "Progressive Motorcycle Program," in accordance with AR 385-10, paragraph 11-9 b., and comply with the PPE requirements "Motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle rider protection," in accordance with AR 385-10, paragraph 11-9 d.

3. As an operator of a government and/or privately owned motorcycle (either street or off-road versions), I understand that all motorcycle safety equipment will be fully operational and the headlight turned on at all times (when equipped). While riding a motorcycle, I will always wear appropriate PPE to include a U.S. Department of Transportation approved helmet properly fastened under the chin; eye protection, to include goggles, wraparound glasses, or a full-face shield (properly attached to the helmet); sturdy over-the-ankle footwear to afford protection for the feet and ankles; a long-sleeved shirt or jacket (with sleeves down), long trousers, and full-fingered gloves made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material.

4. I understand the local and installation motorcycle requirements include carrying the Army approved course MSF card, proof of insurance, and registration during operation. If carrying a passenger, the passenger will wear the proper PPE in accordance with 385-10 reference above. The motorcycle will be equipped with a passenger seat and foot rests. My motorcycle will have two mirrors (one on each side) while in operation. I will submit proof of licensing, insurance, and training to my commander prior to initial operation of my motorcycle.

5. I fully understand my responsibility to comply with all the requirements for motorcycle operation and that these requirements apply to me on and off duty, on and off post. I will never ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. I will avoid riding at an excessive speed. I will be extra cautious while riding over difficult terrain.

6. USAACE and Fort Rucker's goal is to ensure that I am fully aware of the hazards and risks associated with motorcycle operation and that I fully and freely accept the responsibility for operating IAW the laws, regulations, and policies listed above. I acknowledge that I have been briefed on and understand the information provided.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name of Soldier*

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*Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed Name of Commander/1SG/Supervisor*

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*Signature of Commander/1SG/Supervisor*

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*Date*

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# ALL the Gear – ALL the Time (ATGATT)

- ✓ Helmet - DOT Approved
- ✓ Eye Protection –
  - Meet or exceed ANSI Z87.1, reference (z) for impact and shatter resistance
    - Includes goggles, wraparound glasses, or a full-face shield (properly attached to a helmet)
    - A windshield or fairing **does not** constitute eye protection
- ✓ Sturdy Over the Ankle Footwear
- ✓ Long-Sleeved Shirt or Jacket
- ✓ Full Fingerted Gloves or Mittens
  - Made from leather or other abrasion-resistant material
- ✓ Long Trousers



- ❖ Jackets and pants constructed of abrasion-resistant materials (such as leather, Kevlar®, or Cordura®) and containing impact-absorbing padding are **strongly encouraged**
- ❖ Riders are **encouraged** to select PPE that incorporates fluorescent colors and retro-reflective material





# Intermediate Driver Training Course (IDC)



The **IDC is required** by AR 385-10:

- ✓ ALL newly assigned Soldiers 25 years old and younger!
- Others may attend as deemed necessary by their commander

**DoD Civilian Drivers** should attend when:

- ✓ 25 years old and younger
- Duties include operating a government owned vehicle (GOV)

## IDC reinforces

- Initial traffic safety training provided during AIT, BOLC, etc.
- A positive attitude toward driving,
- Individual responsibility, and
- Correct response to routine and emergency driving situations.

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# Dealing with Aggressive Drivers

## Local Driving Hazards Briefing

- Avoid eye contact
  - Keep calm and stay relaxed
- Ignore harassing gestures and name calling
  - Do not return harassment
  - Put your pride in the back seat
- Make every attempt to get out of the way safely
  - Do not escalate the situation
- Report aggressive drivers to the appropriate law enforcement authorities – provide:
  - Vehicle description
  - Location of altercation
  - License plate number (if possible to safely obtain)
  - Direction of travel

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# Remedial Driver Training (RDT)

RDT is an eight-hour, instructor led, classroom taught course designed to address the root causes of aggressive driving.



Driver improvement and remedial training for:

- ✓ Military personnel
- ✓ DoD Civilians while operating a government vehicle (GOV)
  - Determined to be at fault for a traffic mishap
  - Convicted of a moving traffic violation
- ✓ Commanders may refer “high-risk” personnel; examples of high-risk include:
  - Five or more traffic points over a 12-month period (AR 190–5)
  - Warning traffic citation(s) for moving and nonmoving infraction(s)
  - Letter(s) of counseling or reprimand for driving
  - Confirmed witness statements of driving infraction(s)
- ❖ Note: State-approved driver improvement programs may be used to fulfill the requirement where an Army standardized course is not provided.

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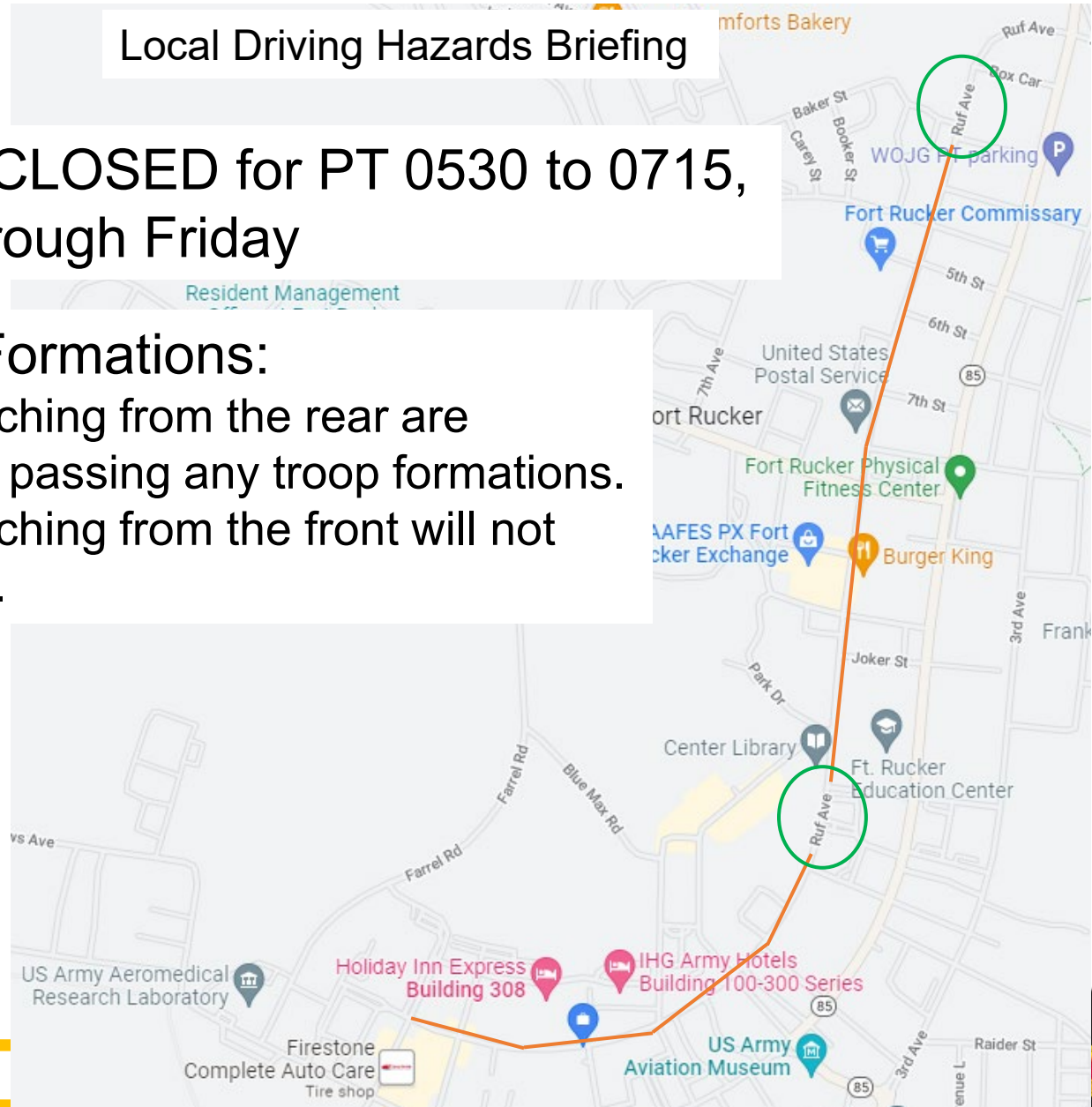
# Ruf Ave Closed for PT

## Local Driving Hazards Briefing

Ruf Ave is CLOSED for PT 0530 to 0715,  
Monday through Friday

### Passing Troop Formations:

- Vehicles approaching from the rear are **prohibited** from passing any troop formations.
- Vehicles approaching from the front will not exceed 10 MPH.



# Watch for Wildlife while Driving

If you see wildlife on or near the road:

- Brake but do not swerve into oncoming traffic or onto the shoulder of the road.
- If you hit an animal, move your vehicle to a safe place and call 9-1-1 or (334) 255-2222 when on post.
- Do not approach the animal; wild animals can be dangerous when injured or frightened.



A large sign with a background of autumn leaves. At the top, a black banner with yellow text reads "WATCH FOR WILDLIFE!". On either side of the banner are yellow diamond-shaped signs with black deer silhouettes. Below the banner are three colored boxes: a yellow box on the left, and two red boxes on the right. At the bottom center of the sign is a small circular logo with a cross and the words "SUPPORT" and "DEFEND".

<u>IF YOU SEE A DEER</u>	<u>IF YOU HIT A DEER</u>	<u>DO NOT APPROACH</u>
Brake but do not swerve into oncoming traffic or onto the shoulder of the road.	Move your vehicle to a safe place and call 911 or 255-2222 when on post.	Deer are wild animals and can be dangerous when injured or frightened.

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# GATE ENTRANCES

- MAIN CANTONMENT GATES:

- Daleville (24/7)
- Enterprise (24/7)
- Ozark (24/7)

Slow Down



When approaching Gates

- ADDITIONAL CANTONMENT GATES:

- Subject to change
  - Faulkner Gate (Mon-Fri 0430-2030)
  - Newton Gate (Mon-Fri 0430-0630 and 1300-1500)
- Hours are Monday through Friday
- Gates are closed weekends, DONSA's and federal holidays.

For more information, visit:

<https://home.army.mil/Novosel/index.php/visit>

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# Hands Free Devices

## Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision

- ✓ Vehicle operators on Installation, and operators of GOVs
  - ✓ Will not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or
  - ✓ They are using a hands-free device
- ✓ A hands-free device means
  - Operated without the use of either hand.
    - Even if either hand is necessary to activate, deactivate, or initiate a function of such a device, including dialing phone numbers.
- ✓ Other than the headset for hands-free cell phone use –
  - This definition specifically does not include:
    - Headphones, earphones, or other listening devices that are prohibited for use on DOD installations while driving.





# Regulations & Policies

## Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision

- Bicycles -
  - Must obey traffic laws.
  - Must wear approved bicycle helmet, brightly colored outer garment during day & reflective material at night.
  - When riding at night, bicycles and non-motorized scooters must
    - have reflectors visible from all directions and
    - an operable headlamp emitting white light visible from a distance of at least 500 ft.
- Skateboards, non-motorized scooters, skates, rollerblades -
  - Must wear Helmet, elbow pads, and knee pads
- Parking on Grass is prohibited
  - Parking on a seeded area (on grass, soil, or area not surfaced and marked for parking) could result in loss of points from on-post driving privilege

For more information, visit:

<https://home.army.mil/Novosel/index.php/about/garrison/dps>

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# Wiregrass Driving Challenges

Unless otherwise posted, maximum speed limits are:

- In towns and cities: 30 MPH
- On roads and highways outside of towns;
  - On separated multi lane highway: 65 MPH
  - On State or Federal highway: 65 MPH
  - On **County road or highway**: 45 MPH 
- School Zones: As Posted.
- All Parking Lots, Barracks Areas: 10 MPH
- Specially marked speed zones;
  - Whenever passing troops: 10 MPH
  - Tank Trails – Improved: 30 MPH
  - Tank Trails – Unimproved: 20 MPH
  - Off Road Travel: 10 MPH
  - Construction zones: As Posted

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# Wiregrass Driving Challenges

## Local Driving Hazards Briefing

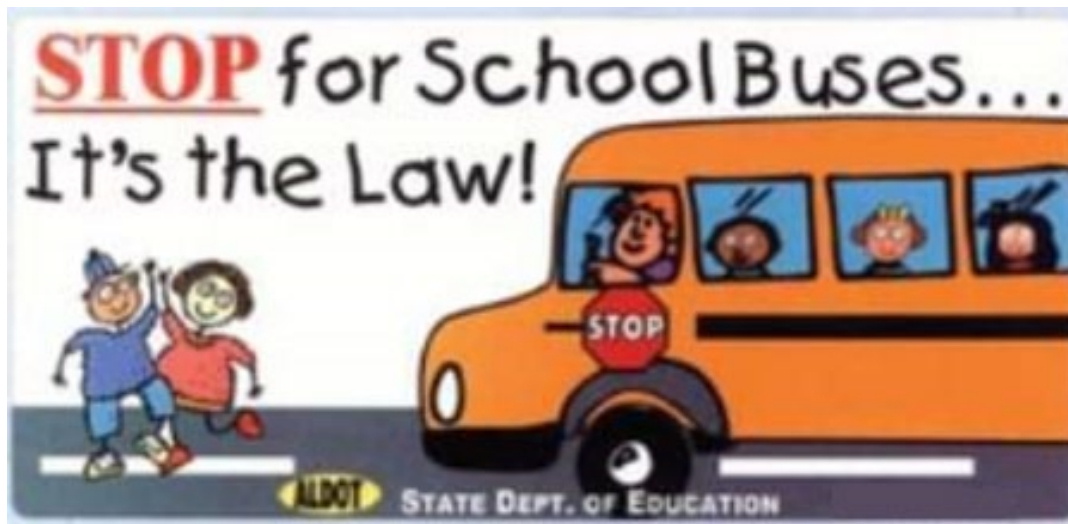
- Many of the highways in Alabama have:
  - Driveway access right on the highway with
    - No acceleration ramp, and/or
    - Blind curves
      - HWY 27 North
      - HWY 84 West
      - HWY 167 North
      - HWY 167 South/FL 79
      - HWY 231 North
      - Ross Clark Circle-Dothan

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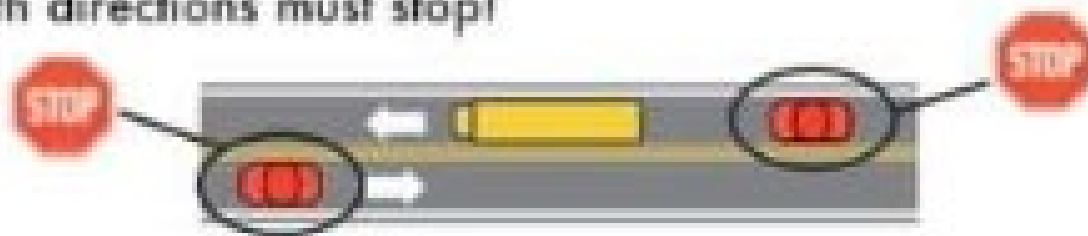


# When to STOP for the Bus

Failure to Stop for School Bus = Loss of Points  
(whether on post or in town)



- 1 Two-lane roadway:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!



# When to STOP for the Bus

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**Four-lane roadway without a median separation:**

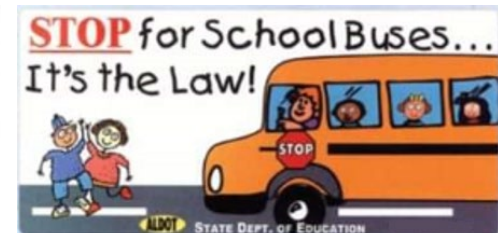
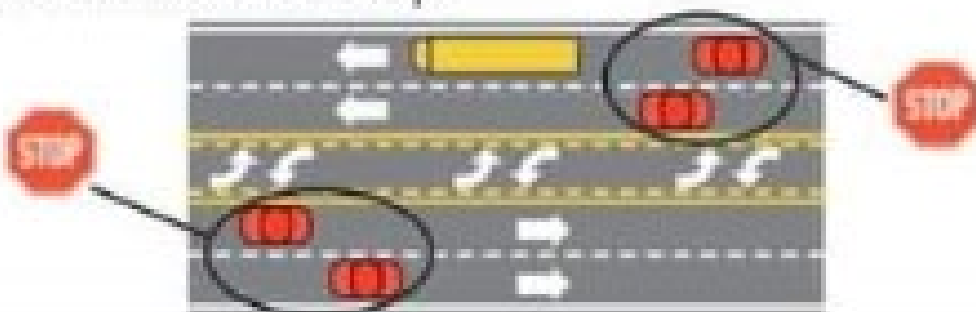
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!



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**Roadway of four lanes or more with a center turning lane:**

When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!



# ★ U.S. ARMY When to STOP for the Bus

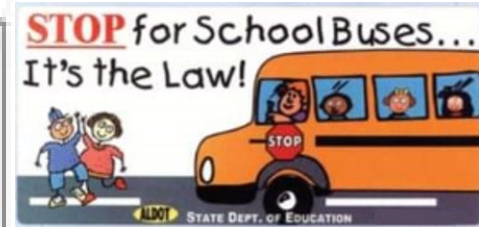
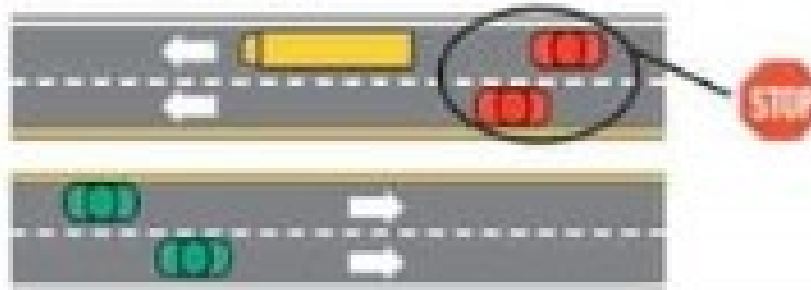
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**Two-lane roadway with a center turning lane:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, all traffic from both directions must stop!



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**Divided highway of four lanes or more with a median separation:**  
When school bus stops for passengers, only traffic following the bus must stop.





## Emergency Vehicles (Police, Fire, Rescue):

- When an emergency vehicle with flashing red or blue lights and activated siren comes toward you or approaches from behind, you must
  - pull over to the curb or side of the road and
  - come to a complete stop.

## “Move Over” Law:

- If an emergency vehicle is pulled off to the side of the road, you must
  - move over one lane.
  - When moving over is unsafe or not possible, you must slow to at least 15 mph below the posted speed limit.
  - If the speed limit is 20 mph or less, you must slow to 10 mph.





# Local Roadway Flooding

## Local Driving Hazards Briefing

- Be sure to have alternate routes for home, school, and work.
- Designate places to wait out a storm since families can be separated when home is inaccessible.
- Just because your home or workplace is on high ground, doesn't mean it won't be cut off by rising waters.
- Road supports for bridges and overpasses over creeks or rivers may be washed out.





# Local Roadway Flooding

## Local Driving Hazards Briefing

- Nearly ½ of all flash-flood fatalities are vehicle related.
- Don't drive into flowing water.
  - Look for flooding at highway dips, bridges, and low areas.
- Six inches of water can make even the largest vehicle uncontrollable as vehicles will float.
- Two feet of water will carry most cars away.
- Road flooding is likely during very heavy and/or extended duration rain events.





# Local Roadway Flooding

## Local Driving Hazards Briefing

- Installation roads that might flood during major storms include:
  - Andrews Ave and Lowe Field Road - both Bridges
  - Farrell Road - between Low Field Road and Artillery Road
  - Christian Ave - between Whittaker Road and Johnson Road
  - Ruf Ave by Novosel St - between the two libraries
  - Andrews Ave and Christian Ave
  - Andrews Ave adj to the S-Curve
  - Andrews Ave Spillway
  - Farrell Road by Parcours Youth Lake
  - Artillery Road - between the school and Allen Heights

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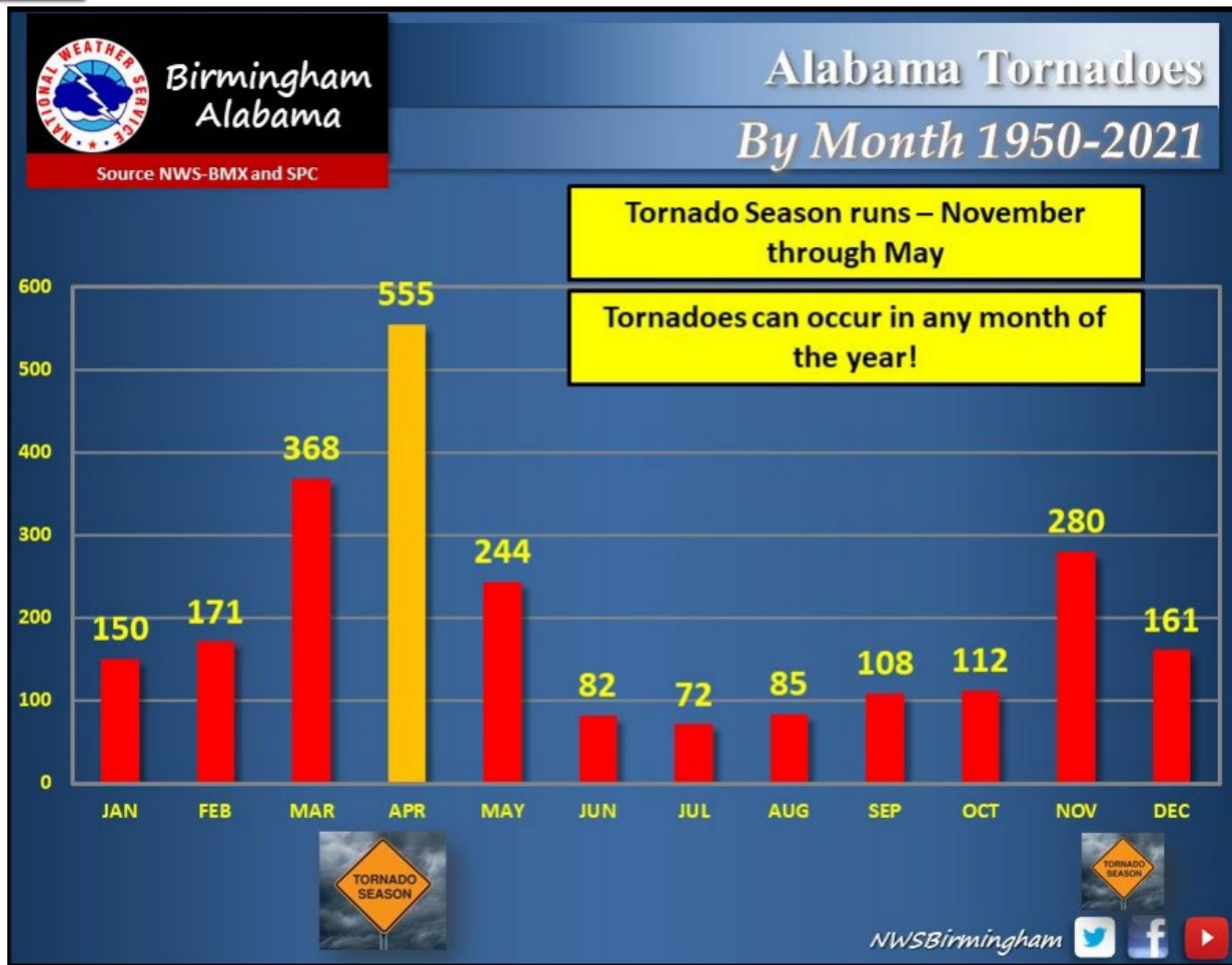
# Tornado Awareness

- Tornado Watch - conditions are favorable
- Tornado Warning - a tornado has formed
  - However, Tornadoes can occur *even without a watch or warning!*
- Direction typically from southwest to northeast
- Statistics: Typically –
  - average 5 mile paths (can exceed 100 miles);
  - avg 300 – 400 yards wide (can be up to 1 mile);
  - travel avg 25-40 mph (can range from 5-60 mph)

Source: FEMA P-431



# Tornado Awareness



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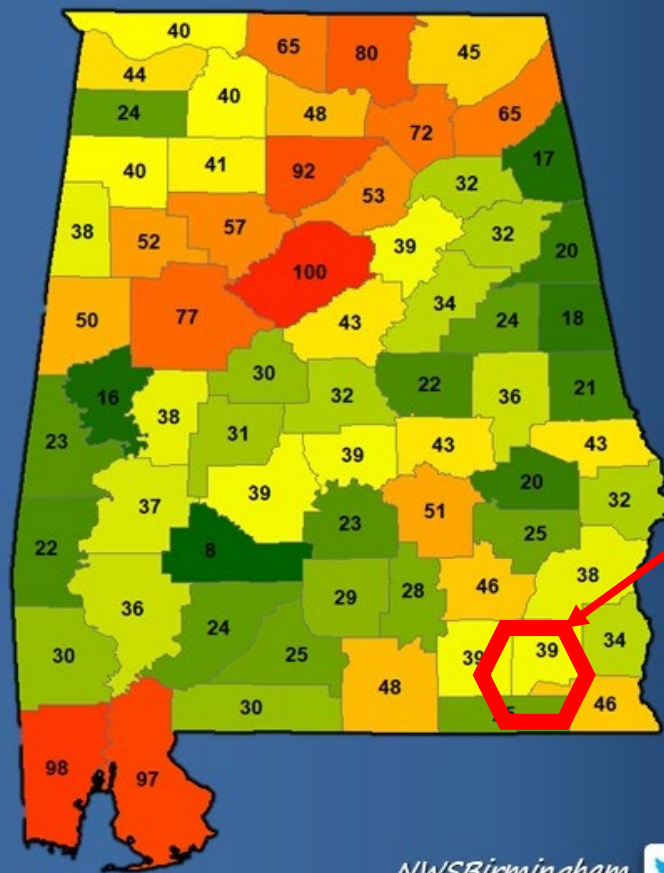


Birmingham  
Alabama

Source NWS-BMX and SPC

## Alabama Tornadoes By County 1950-2020

Jefferson County	100
Mobile County	98
Baldwin County	97
Cullman County	92
Madison County	80
Tuscaloosa County	77
Marshall County	72



Our  
Rough  
Location

NWSBirmingham



For more:

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# Tornado Refuge Criteria

- Unless refuge area is designed as safe room, occupants are still vulnerable to injury or death.
  - The best available refuge areas do not ensure safety or survival.
  - They are simply areas of a building in which survival is most likely.
  - To provide a high reliability of safety, a safe room area must be intentionally designed and constructed as a safe room.
- Below ground space almost always safest
- Interior - windowless rooms, that do not depend on the exterior walls of the building, are less likely to be penetrated by windborne debris.

Source: FEMA P-431

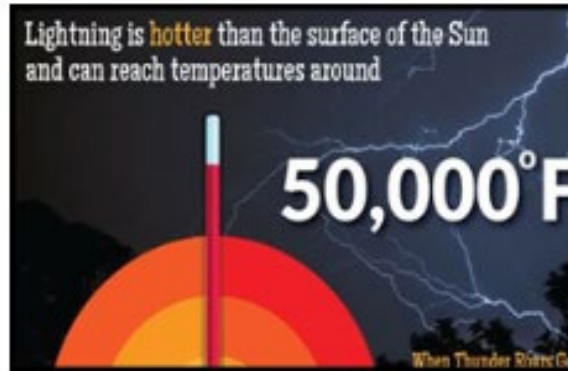


# Weather Awareness

## Stay Weather Aware



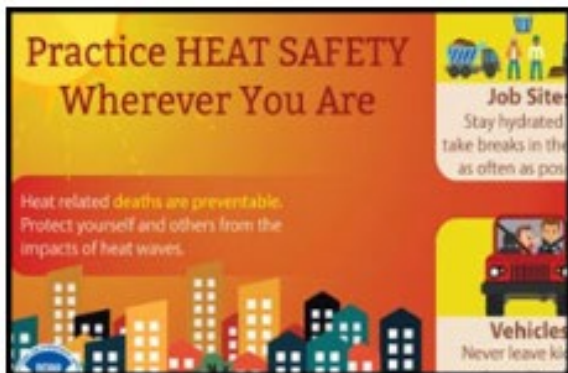
**THUNDERSTORMS**



**LIGHTNING**



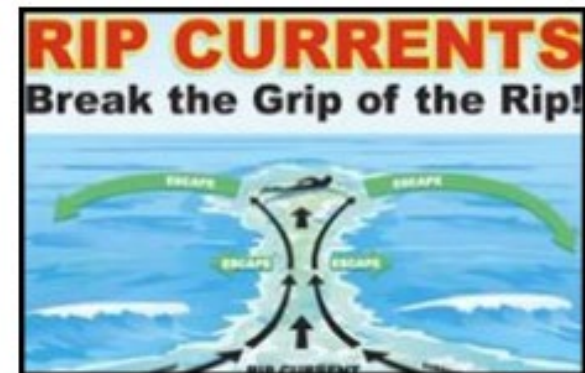
**TORNADO**



**HEAT**



**FLOOD**



**BEACH**

For more information, visit:  
<https://home.army.mil/Novosel/index.php/weather/weather-safety>

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# Snakes of Alabama

## Venomous Snakes

Directorate of Public Safety  
in conjunction with  
Department of Natural Resources



Copperhead



Eastern Diamondback  
Rattlesnake



Eastern Cottonmouth



Pygmy Rattlesnake



Timber Rattlesnake



# Snakes in Alabama

## Venomous Snakes

Snakes like hiding places.

- Keep yards clear of places they can hide.
  - Flower beds are ideal habitat for snakes.
  - Use a stick or tool (NOT your hands) to make sure the flower bed is clear.

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Do not handle any reptiles venomous or non-venomous.

- Contact the Directorate of Public Safety at 334-255-2222.
  - Take a photo from a safe distance, if possible, to help with identification.
  - Always remain calm and move away from the snake slowly.
  - DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CATCH OR TOUCH the snake.

For more information, visit:

[https://www.fortNovosel-env.com/Documents/wildlife/venoms\\_snakes\\_pamphlet.pdf](https://www.fortNovosel-env.com/Documents/wildlife/venoms_snakes_pamphlet.pdf)

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# Local Animal Control

ALL MEDICAL EMERGENCIES CALL 911

Game Warden's Office

334-255-4213

Military Police Desk

334-355-2222

Daleville, Enterprise, Ozark

Critter Getter

334-598-4694

Dothan

Animal Control

334-615-4620

Troy

Animal Control

334-372-2714

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# Oceanic Hazards

## Rip Current Basics and Safety Information

Rips are channelized currents of water that flow back into the ocean from the shoreline

- Rips typically form at breaks in sandbars, and near structures such as jetties & piers
- Rips are commonly found on along all surf beaches
- Rip current speeds average 1 to 2 ft per second but they have been measured as fast as 8 ft per second – faster than an Olympic swimmer!
- Rips do not pull people under the water, they pull people away from shore
- Rips are sometimes mistakenly called undertow or rip tides, but these terms are not correct

For more information on Rips, visit:

<https://www.weather.gov/safety/ripcurrent>

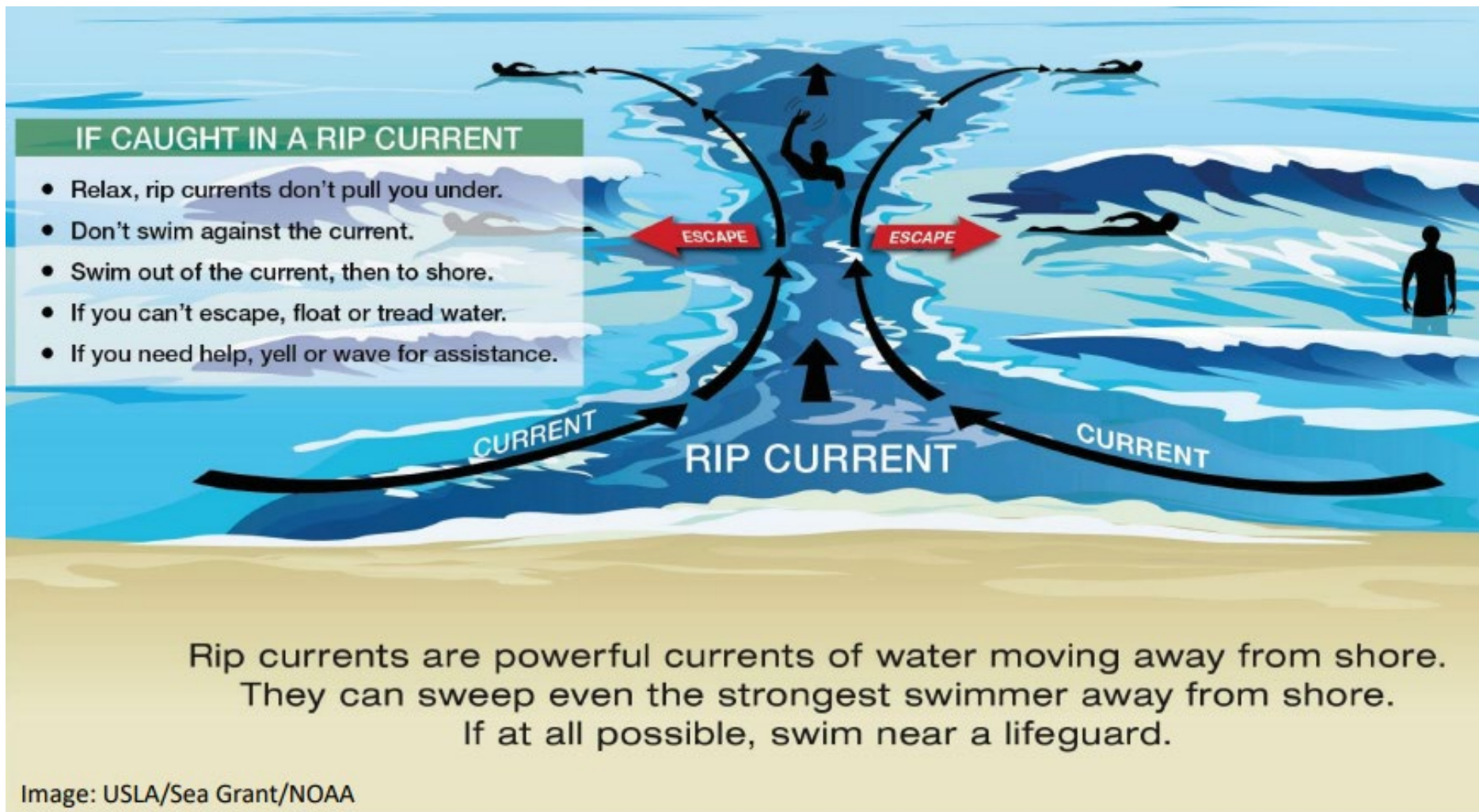
For help with swimming skills, contact DFMWR for guidance:

<https://Novosel.armymwr.com/programs/aquatics>

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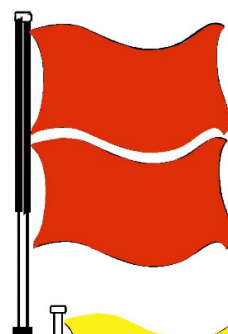
Know What the Warnings Flags Mean

Read the beach safety signs at the beach entrance.

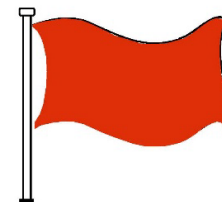
Once on the beach, look for beach warning flags, often posted on or near a lifeguard's stand.

## BEACH FLAG WARNING SYSTEM

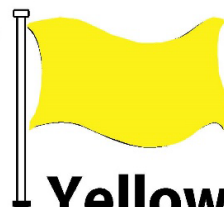
- A green flag means water conditions are safe and other colors mean conditions are not safe.
- These flags are there to protect you.



**Double Red**  
Water Closed to  
Public Use



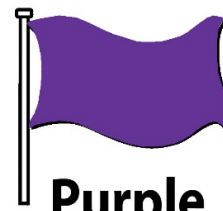
**Red**  
High Hazard  
(rough conditions,  
such as strong surf  
and or currents)



**Yellow**  
Medium Hazard  
(light surf and or  
currents)



**Green**  
Low Hazard  
(calm conditions)



**Purple**  
Marine Pest  
(jellyfish, stingrays  
& dangerous fish)

For more information on Flags, visit:

<https://www.usla.org/page/beach-warning-flags>

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# Risk Management Refresher

- **Accept no unnecessary risk**
  - Risk can only be accepted by the commander or civilian leader with the resources and/or authority necessary to control, eliminate, or correct the hazard in an appropriate timeframe
- **Risk = Probability x Severity**
  - The probability of an undesired event occurring and its potential impacts.

**Probability**

- Possibility of loss or injury
- Presence or potential presence of a hazard

**Severity**

- Consequences of loss if it occurs
- Consequences if hazard is not controlled



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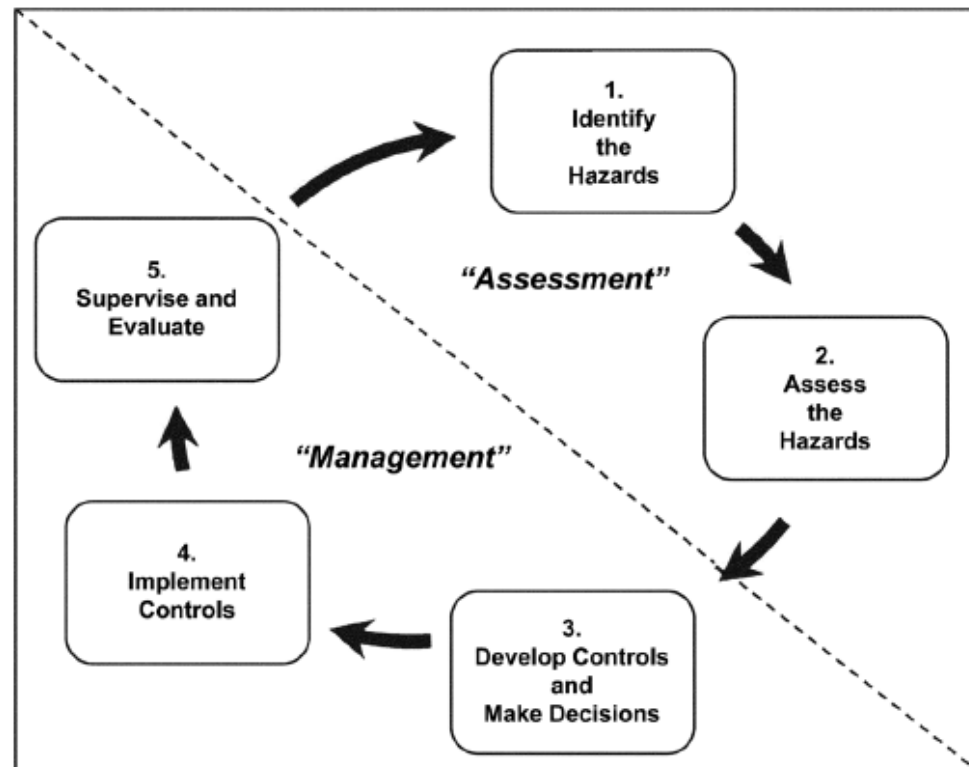
- Supervisors will ensure the four principles of risk management have been applied to all work assigned

1. Integrate risk management into all phases of missions and operations.

2. Make risk decisions at the appropriate level.

3. Accept no unnecessary risk.

4. Apply risk management cyclically and continuously.





# QUESTIONS?

Contact your Unit Safety Officer (USO)  
with any questions.

To find your Unit Point of Contact, visit:

<https://home.army.mil/Novosel/index.php/units-tenants>

For more on our local area, check out the  
Fort Novosel Community Resource Guide

<https://crg.amedd.army.mil/guides/tradoc/rucker/Pages/default.aspx>

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# Sources and Points of Contact

- DOD & US Army  
DODI 6055.4, AR 385-10, AR 190-5, FR 190-5, FM 5-19
- Alabama Department of Transportation:  
[www.dot.state.al.us/docs](http://www.dot.state.al.us/docs)
- Alabama Highway Patrol: [www.dps.state.al.us/](http://www.dps.state.al.us/)
- Military Police: (334) 255-2222
- Fort Novosel Home Page: <https://home.army.mil/novosel>
- Installation Policies & Regulations:  
<https://intranet.Novosel.army.mil/policy-reg/index.html>
- Traffic safety/ Motorcycle Classes:  
<https://imc.army.mil/airs/>  
Unit S-3 is your POC for scheduling personnel.

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