

# Marine Corps Logistics Command Commanding General's Safety Policy Statement



Force Assurance, Safety and managing risk are Operational and Readiness requirements and are responsibilities of command. I take them very seriously. Our Marines, Sailors, and civilians are the Center of Gravity for the Marine Corps Logistics Command. Ensuring the safety and well being of one another must be part of our daily lives both on and off duty. To be effective, our safety program requires the total support of all hands, personal involvement at all levels, and continued awareness by each and every member of our organization. All aspects of our mission involve risk, whether it is working aboard ship at Blount Island Command, performing repair work at our Maintenance Depots, conducting operations in Afghanistan, or driving the highways of Georgia, California, or Florida. However, we should not accept or tolerate any unnecessary or uncalculated risks that may endanger our people. All levels of the chain of command within the Marine Corps Logistics Command shall use Operational Risk Management (ORM) as a tool to help ensure that we can accomplish our mission in the safest possible manner. Safety is the responsibility of each member of this organization. Every member must actively mitigate on-and off-duty risks and hazards to maintain individual readiness. To develop and sustain a quality safety and health management system is not an easy task. Our command has selected the Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) to build a consistent framework and establish Safety as one of our core values, and the strength of our team is measured by our commitment to each other and to our values.

Safety is also a leadership responsibility as leaders provide the institutional foundation for safety – reinforcing individual and unit safety measures. Small Unit leaders, uniformed and civilian, in particular, can have a profound impact on ensuring the continued safety of our personnel. I task each member of the Marine Corps Logistics Command to:

- > **Maintain situational awareness and follow all safety programs designed to preserve our personnel and equipment and enhance our capability by preventing mishaps.**
- > **Integrate Operational Risk Management into all decision-making processes.**
- > **Establish a culture that incorporates hazard awareness and risk management as the routine way of doing business.**
- > **Teach, mentor, and educate less experienced personnel, by passing on knowledge, experience and understanding of standard Safety Program initiatives.**

We must all strive to provide the safest possible work and living environments for each other. Danger and risk will always remain part of our military culture, but through attention to detail, prudent risk decisions and being proactive, we can dramatically reduce the chance of accidents and injuries. Utilize all available tools and refer to your Unit's Safety Officers and Specialists.

I challenge everyone who is part of the MCLC family to make every effort to ensure that all of our military and civilian personnel remain ready to accomplish our Nation's mission.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C. L. Hudson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**C. L. HUDSON**

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