



COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY ON SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT



The service members, employees, visitors, and other inhabitants of MCB Quantico depend on Security Battalion for life support, security and emergency services, administrative support, training, logistics, legal support, and other critical services. Safety and Risk Management are imperative to ensure the preservation of our force and equipment so that we may continue to provide these mission essential functions. We must ensure our planning and execution actions are conducted in a manner that conforms to established standards for safety, removes unnecessary risk, mitigates the dangers of those hazards that cannot be eliminated, and makes risk decisions at the appropriate level. Constant supervision at all levels is essential to ensure the Marines, Sailors, civilians, and contractors of Security Battalion are able to safely execute the critical missions we are charged to conduct.

MCO 5100.29C W/VOL 2 (Risk Management) defines risk management as a process that assists organizations and individuals in making informed decisions in order to reduce or offset risk to increase operational effectiveness and the probability of mission success.

Risk Management is a systematic and cyclical process that should occur on and off duty. Leaders are responsible for ensuring subordinates understand how to identify hazards and apply the requisite mitigation to reduce the risks associated with them. Controls must be established and implemented to ensure training, exercises, and operations are able to be conducted in a safe and effective manner. All personnel must remain vigilant to ensure adherence to applicable parameters and prevent a safety violation or incident.

Security Battalion is committed to empowering personnel at all levels to identify and communicate risks, speak up about unsafe acts, behaviors, or conditions, and report near misses and mishaps without fear of reprisal. Every Marine, Sailor, civilian, and contractor is expected to be a good wingman or battle buddy, looking out for one another and maintaining a shared commitment to safety. Supervisors at every level are charged with exercising due diligence in fostering a safe work environment and must give timely, appropriate attention to all safety concerns brought to their attention.

Everyone has the inherent obligation to ensure the safe execution of an activity and/or event. Personnel must be prepared to identify unsafe acts, stop training or operations when appropriate, and report violations accordingly. Violations of established safety orders, policies, and/or procedures will be investigated to determine the circumstances of the incident and to determine controls needed to prevent future occurrences. After actions, debriefs, and other reviews will be conducted to ensure understanding of and adherence to applicable safety orders, policies, and procedures.

The Battalion staff is ready to support you in our collective effort to meet our mission and ensure everyone goes home without injury. Work hard, have fun, and be safe. **Have a plan! It could save your life.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Edick".

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