

SMDC/ARSTRAT Safety Information

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What is it?

The National Safety Council has declared June as National Safety Month. Summer brings an entirely new set of hazards that are just lurking around the corner in an attempt to trap the unwary and unprepared. For example, it's very easy just to hop on your motorcycle without the proper safety attire, and without it - a spill will kill. Summer also means time at the beach for Army personnel as well as families with many hazards associated with rip currents or as well as while operating watercraft. National Safety Month is designed to increase a person's knowledge of safety hazards and how to prevent them.

What has the Army done?

While safety is paramount 24/7/365, personnel need to be reminded to practice good safety habits. During June the Army Combat Readiness Center and the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Army Environmental Safety and Occupational Health plan an all out campaign to ensure that Army personnel and their families are aware of the hazards associated with summer and how to ensure they are doing all they can to stay safe. A recent example was Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month with events held at many installations, including the Pentagon, on safety riding techniques and safety gear.

What continued efforts does the Army have for the future?

In addition to continuing safety campaigns throughout the year, the Army is hosting a Pentagon Tri-Service Safety and Health Fair on June 19 from 0900 to 1400 in the Pentagon courtyard. The event, held as a kick-off for National Safety Month and the summer season, emphasizes the importance of safety awareness in daily activities as well as personal health and healthy living. The fair features safety discussions and materials, exhibit/display presentations, emergency preparedness, emergency response, and wellness activities including blood pressure checks, bone density screening, occupational health, nutrition, exercise, and health promotion initiatives.

Why is this important to the Army?

Safety and health is essential in all aspects of daily living. Our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and their families are our most important assets. The Army wants to ensure all personnel and their families have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Resources:

[Combat Readiness Center](#)

[Army Environmental Safety and Occupational Health, Assistant for Safety](#)

[National Safety Council](#)