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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL

SUBJECT: Memorial Day Weekend Safety

1. Memorial Day is a time to remember our Brothers and Sisters who have died in the defense of our country. It also traditionally marks the beginning of the "101 critical days of summer." Many Soldiers and Civilians will celebrate with barbecues, picnics, parades, and extended travel plans. As outdoor activities increase we must instill effective risk mitigation in our Soldiers and employees as they plan their holiday and summer activities.
2. Off duty accident prevention must be at the forefront of our efforts. Across the Army, privately owned vehicle (POV) accident prevention has to be the primary focus. The majority of fatal traffic accidents occur off duty, involve alcohol consumption, reckless driving, and a failure to use seatbelts. Defensive driving is a consistent and necessary driving posture, especially during the summer months, when more people are out enjoying the great summer season.
3. Leadership involvement at all levels, self-discipline, risk management, compliance with traffic laws, military regulations, and protection that comes from basic common sense, can improve our chances of making it through this holiday and the remaining summer months safely.
4. At a minimum, all first line supervisors/leaders will ensure that all Soldiers traveling by, or operating a POV, outside of a 100 mile radius of home station, complete the Travel Risks Planning System (TRiPS) at <https://trips.safety.army.mil/>. Leaders will brief every Soldier and Civilian on holiday hazards and countermeasures they can take to avoid mishaps, ensuring they stress the use of seatbelts and the hazards of drinking and driving.
5. Finally, I challenge each of you to think safety first during the Memorial Holiday weekend and as you plan your activities throughout the summer season. Have a great weekend and enjoy the coming summer months. Remember that each of you is an integral part of the team. Your safety is of paramount importance to this Command and I look forward to seeing each of you well rested, smiling, and above all, safe as you return from this Memorial Day weekend.

  
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