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ACCIDENTS DON'T TAKE HOLIDAYS

It's that time of year where many of us are caught up in holiday routines and tend to take seasonal hazards for granted. Doing so, however, can mean the difference between a happy holiday and tragedy. Statistics show that mishaps occur more frequently during the holiday period. A little common sense, combined with some advanced planning, can help accident-proof your holidays, making them safer for you, your family members and visitors.



JUST ANOTHER LANDING

When downrange in an unmanned aircraft system platoon, you are usually isolated from the rest of your unit. There, everyone knows the rules of the flight line. It's when visitors arrive that problems arise.



LIFE AND DEATH

While working as an assistant trainmaster for the Union Pacific Railroad, my job required me to be on call should any problems arise in my area. One summer evening, I got a call that reminded me just how precious life is.

DID YOU KNOW?

Soldiers are wearing seat belts at a substantially higher rate than the civilian population, according to recent data. A 2011 survey conducted by the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center showed 95 percent of Soldiers wore their seat belts either always or most of the time. A report by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found an estimated 84 percent of civilians used seat belts during 2011.



SAFETY FEATURE

ELECTRICAL SAFETY SHOCKING

You know 10 rules when working on or around electricity, but does your battle buddy?

Training, Discipline and Standards

1. Assume that all overhead wires are energized at lethal voltages.
2. Never touch a fallen overhead power line.
3. Stay at least 10 feet (3 meters) away from overhead wires during cleanup and other activities.
4. If an overhead wire falls across your vehicle while you are driving, stay inside the vehicle and continue to drive away from the line. If the engine stalls, do not leave your vehicle. Warn people not to touch the vehicle or the wire. Call for aid someone to call the local electric utility company and emergency services.
5. Never operate electrical equipment while you are standing in water.
6. Never repair electrical cords or equipment unless qualified and authorized.
7. Have a qualified electrician inspect electrical equipment that has gotten wet before energizing it.
8. If working in damp locations, inspect electric cords and equipment to ensure that they are in good condition and free of defects, and use a ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI).
9. Always use caution when working near electricity.
10. Use the proper personal protective equipment when working with electricity.

know the signs
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PRODUCTS & TOOLS



A collection of resources to aid commanders and leaders in the management of range operations and safe weapons handling.



An interactive, automated online system developed to augment risk management planning and decision-making for ground operations.

The Know the Signs campaign is designed to heighten awareness of risk factors and provide leaders and Soldiers the tools they need to address safety issues in their unit or peer group. The signs are all around. *It's up to you to recognize and act on them.*



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