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HANDLE WITH CARE

Weapons are designed to disable designated enemy personnel and, in the hands of properly trained Soldiers, accomplish this task exceptionally well. We must remember, however, a weapon is the instrument of its operator. It will dutifully shoot in the direction the operator points it. Therein lies the problem of negligent discharges, which are always unacceptable and tragic when a Soldier is injured or killed.



FLYING BLIND

As we departed Farah on a medevac mission, everything was going well. Visibility was excellent and we had plenty of illumination. Then we ran into visibility issues — an unforecasted dust storm.

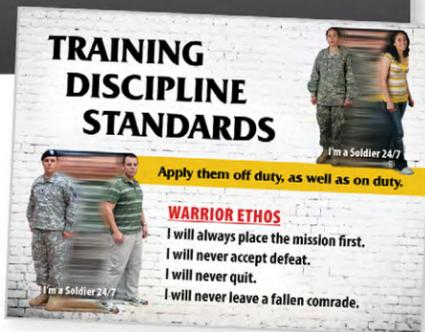


LESSONS LEARNED

As a father, there were many life lessons I wanted to pass along to my children. Little did I know that some lessons were already being taught — and not the way I'd intended. I learned that on a wet December evening when we received the phone call every parent dreads.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over the last five fiscal years, we lost an average of 123 Soldiers to off-duty accidents each year. We, as an Army, can change this. To assist you, we have updated and improved the annual Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation. You can view or download the presentation and notes from <https://safety.army.mil/ODSAP> or the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center's home page.



SAFETY FEATURE

THINK WEAPONS RANGE SAFETY



Treat every weapon as if it is loaded.
Handle every weapon with care.
Identify the target before you fire.
Never point the muzzle at anything you don't intend to shoot.
Keeep the weapon on safe, and your finger off the trigger, until you intend to fire.

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PRODUCTS & TOOLS

SAFETY is a frame of Mind:



Make your Soldiers aware of the off-duty hazards they'll face in the upcoming months with the Off-duty Safety Awareness Presentation.



Going on leave, pass or TDY? Don't forget to first complete your Travel Risk Planning System assessment.



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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