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WINTER WEAPONS HANDLING

Cold temperatures can greatly affect the maintenance, functioning and employment of infantry weapons. To properly handle and care for your weapon under a variety of adverse conditions, you must take temperature into consideration. Your weapon is only as good as its maintenance. This is especially true when the mercury falls below freezing.



THE OLD DAYS

In the dark days at the outset of World War II, a young Army Air Corps flight officer was grounded after hitting a tree and clipping two feet off the wing of his Bell P-39 Airacobra. It happened when he was chasing cattle in his aircraft.

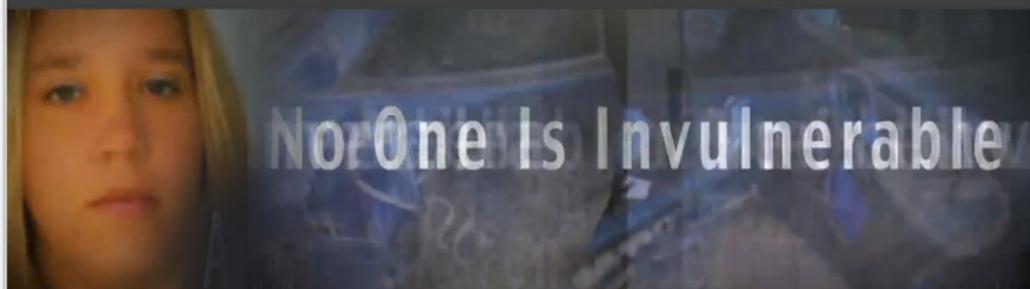


ROCKY ROAD

Whether it's a convoy operation or a trip with your family, it's always a good idea to perform a map or route reconnaissance. You'll have the advantage of locating rest stops, places to fill up or, just maybe, possible road hazards.

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SAFETY FEATURE

HERE IT COMES Are you ready to hit the road?

- Have your vehicle serviced
- Plan your route
- Pack an emergency road kit
- Check the weather forecast
- Get plenty of rest
- Complete a TRIPS assessment

READY...OR NOT?

Ready ... or Not is a call to action for leaders, Soldiers, Army Civilians and Family members to assess their "readiness" for what lies ahead—the known as well as the unknown.

Throughout our professional and personal lives, events happen all around us. We are often able to shape the outcome of those events, but many times we're not. Navigating life's challenges is all about decision-making.

So are YOU ready ... or not?

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PRODUCTS & TOOLS



On the home front, a Soldier's "battle buddy" is often his or her family. Engaged families can make a huge difference in the safety of our Soldiers off-duty.



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

READY...OR NOT?

The cooler days and longer nights of autumn are finally here, and with them come hazards unique to the season. As the temperature drops and Soldiers, Army civilians and Family members take to roads and the great outdoors for some well-deserved downtime, they'll be exposed to risk more often than they might think. It's important to prepare them now for what lies ahead.

Are you *Ready ... or Not?*

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