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PREPARE FOR THE WORST

I'm a longtime water sports enthusiast and take safety very seriously. I have all the required boating safety equipment, plus a few extra items I have deemed necessary over the years. I always inspect that equipment, as well as my boat, before I leave the house for a day on the water. Before we launch, I even give a safety brief for those with me who are not familiar with boating. Despite all of this, things can still go wrong.



RUSHING TOWARD DISASTER

Army aviation is a demanding profession. You quickly learn how important it is to recognize and control situations that can cause problems, like being in a hurry. My story happened during routine flight operations.



EASTBOUND AND DOWN

As we went up the incline, the driver of an 18-wheeler in the lane to our right decided to pass a motor home. I don't know if he couldn't see us because of the angle of his cab or the position of his trailer. Whatever the reason, he suddenly whipped into our lane.

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SAFETY FEATURE

Always wear a life jacket.
Get the boat checked.
Watch the weather to prepare for local conditions and electrical storms.
Communicate trip details in event of an emergency.
Do not swim or wade near a boat's exhaust pipe, sit on the swim platform when the engine is running or hold onto the deck when the boat is moving.
Have CPR instructions and local emergency numbers on the boat.

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



Mentoring can help keep Soldiers safe. Find out what you can do to protect your Soldiers with the Motorcycle Mentorship Program.



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



The latest installment of the Army's **Ready ... or Not?** campaign is now available and contains a new collection of safety videos, posters and articles to help Soldiers and leaders prepare for the unique challenges the next few months will bring. Click here to learn more.

Are you **Ready ... or Not?**

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