



# KNOWLEDGE

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### THE LAST STAND

It was October in south Mississippi, and the weekend was upon us. For some, it was probably no different than any other weekend. For others, however, it signaled the beginning of something we'd looked forward to all summer — hunting season! Like every other hunter, I couldn't wait for another chance to bag a big buck. To ensure I was prepared, I set out all the gear I'd need for the morning. Everything was great, except the weather.



### BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

As I headed to post, it was like any other morning. What I didn't expect, however, was how Daylight Saving Time would affect my commute. As I turned east, my windshield immediately filled with daylight and my visibility was reduced to almost nothing.



### EXTRA HELP

My unit was going to be operating at high altitude and high temperatures for the first time. Even with right-seat rides and several performance planning classes, we managed to have a Class A accident and several close calls — one of which was mine.

### DID YOU KNOW?



## SAFETY FEATURE

**HERE IT COMES**

- 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.
- Keep the weapon on safe and your finger off the trigger until you intend to fire.

**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?

<https://safety.army.mil>

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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.



ReportIt is the single Army accident and risk management system for collecting injury, illness and loss data.

**READY ... OR NOT?**

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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