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2017 PRESERVING THE FORCE SUMMER SAFETY MESSAGE

Summer is here and warmer weather brings opportunities for outdoor recreation, family vacations, and weekend adventures. Unfortunately, summer also tends to bring hazards and dangers that can tragically take precious lives from our organization. You are an important member of our National Guard and I urge you to make safe decisions and avoid unnecessary risks.

I encourage you to enjoy the summer with family and friends while simultaneously employing risk management. Use personal protective equipment (PPE) and avoid reckless behavior. Accidents increase during the summertime, as we often fail to consider the risks of our favorite activities such as sports, hiking, camping, swimming, and grilling. Be aware of heat-related injuries and how to prevent them; ensure to clear areas used for camping, cooking, or fireworks for any potential nearby or overhead combustibles. While enjoying water-related activities, do not swim alone or in unapproved areas.

Continue your vigilance on traffic safety. Be informed of weather conditions along your planned route, do not use excessive speed, limit consumption of alcohol, know the signs of fatigue, and rest when needed. If you ride a motorcycle, please complete the required training, comply with DoD Instruction 6055.04, and always wear PPE.

Safety is everyone's responsibility. Please take care of yourself and the Soldiers and Airmen around you. Let's make 2017 our safest summer yet.

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For more information on Off-Duty Safety, visit:

<https://safety.army.mil/MEDIA/SeasonalSafetyCampaigns/SpringSummer2017.aspx>

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