



ARMY 2009 SUMMER SAFETY MESSAGE

As a component of our ongoing commitment to the safety of Soldiers, Families and Civilians, the Army recently launched the Safe Summer 2009 campaign. The annual campaign to protect members of the Army Family runs from May through September and emphasizes prevention and vigilance during the summer season. This is especially critical as off-duty accidents typically increase during high risk summer activities. Our team efforts will help to prevent accidents and to keep our Army Family safe.

The Army serves as a model for leadership, values, and commitment to mission. We are applying that same commitment to the ongoing integration of safety and occupational health into the Army culture. This integration enhances our planning, operations, and training; additionally, it helps us to avoid unacceptable residual risk to missions, personnel, equipment, and the environment. For the Safe Summer campaign to become a natural part of the Army culture, we will need the participation of leaders at all levels; they are critical to the success of this campaign.

Areas of emphasis for the Safe Summer campaign include: boating and watercraft safety; motorcycle safety awareness; click-it-or-ticket and driving safety; driving-under-the-influence and fatigue; grilling and food preparation; heat injury prevention; water and swimming safety; camping and hiking safety; adverse weather; and extreme sports.

We hope that all members of the Army Family have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Army Safe is Army Strong!

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