



MARINE CORPS MOUNTAIN WARFARE TRAINING CENTER BRIDGEPORT, CA

Commanding Officer's Policy on Safety and Risk Management



The Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center (MCMWTC) conducts training in one of the most complex and hazardous environments in the Marine Corps. Extreme weather, high altitude, rugged terrain, aviation operations, weapons employment, and remote locations create inherent risk in nearly every evolution. Effective risk management is essential to protecting lives, preserving combat power, and sustaining mission readiness.

Realistic, demanding training is the foundation of operational success. However, realism does not justify recklessness, complacency, or shortcuts. Injuries, accidents, and preventable mishaps degrade readiness, disrupt training pipelines, and place unnecessary strain on Marines, families, and the institution. At this command, safety and mission accomplishment are mutually reinforcing, not competing priorities.

Leaders at every level are responsible for integrating risk management into planning, preparation, execution, and recovery. Officers, staff noncommissioned officers, and civilian supervisors will ensure that hazards are identified, controls are implemented, and risk decisions are made at the appropriate level. Leaders will conduct thorough briefs, enforce standards, and maintain active supervision throughout training evolutions. Risk acceptance without proper analysis and authorization is unacceptable.

All personnel are expected to understand and apply established safety procedures and operational risk management principles. This includes proper use of personal protective equipment, adherence to cold weather injury prevention measures, vehicle and equipment safety standards, weapons handling procedures, and aviation and mountaineering protocols. Individuals are responsible for managing fatigue, hydration, nutrition, and physical readiness in order to operate safely in demanding conditions.

This command will maintain robust safety programs, reporting systems, and review processes to identify trends, address deficiencies, and share lessons learned. Mishaps, near-misses, and hazardous conditions will be reported promptly and accurately. Leaders will foster an environment where reporting safety concerns is encouraged and viewed as a professional obligation, not a personal liability.

Safety is a leadership responsibility and a personal commitment. Every Marine, Sailor, and civilian at the MCMWTC plays a role in protecting one another and preserving our ability to train. Through disciplined planning, active supervision, and professional accountability, we will conduct demanding training while safeguarding our most valuable asset - our people.

Semper Fidelis,

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C. E. LOOMIS JR.
COMMANDING OFFICER