



***"The way to be safe  
is never to be secure.."***

***-Benjamin Franklin***

## **Installation Safety Office Newsletter**

**SPRING 2025**

### **Message from Installation Safety**

Greetings MCBH Community,

As we continue to navigate the challenges of maintaining a safe and secure environment here at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing commitment to safety. All of our efforts from the ground side to aviation, and the civilian workforce have been instrumental in reducing risks and ensuring a healthy work environment for everyone.

As we move forward, it's important that we remain vigilant and proactive in identifying and addressing potential safety hazards. Please continue to report any near misses or unsafe conditions using our reporting form, which can be submitted to

[KBAZ\\_HQBN\\_SAFETY\\_CIV@usmc.mil](mailto:KBAZ_HQBN_SAFETY_CIV@usmc.mil).

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. If you have any questions or need assistance with safety-related matters, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office. Stay safe, and let's work together to maintain a secure and healthy environment for everyone at MCBH.

-Peter Evans

### **DON'T FORGET!**

**101 Critical Days of Summer  
Base Chapel  
MAY 30 0900-1100 or 1300-1500**



### **Working Safer at MCBH: A Collective Responsibility**

As we strive to maintain a safe and healthy environment at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, it's essential to remember that safety is everyone's responsibility. Whether you're a Marine, civilian employee, or contractor, your actions play a crucial role in preventing injuries and ensuring operational readiness. By adopting simple yet effective safety practices, we can significantly reduce risks and create a more secure workplace.

To work safer, consider a few practical tips. Always use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) appropriate for your environment, such as safety goggles, masks, and gloves, to protect yourself from hazards. Maintaining good housekeeping is also vital; keeping your workspace clean and organized reduces tripping hazards and prevents fires. Regular cleaning helps identify potential safety issues early, allowing us to address them before they become major problems. Additionally, ensure you get enough sleep to perform your duties safely, as fatigue can impair judgment and increase the risk of accidents.

Staying informed is also key to safety. Familiarize yourself with the safety policies and risks specific to your area. This awareness is crucial for preventing mishaps and maintaining a safe work environment. Furthermore, take advantage of training opportunities like the Ground Safety for Marines course or other subjects to enhance your safety knowledge and skills. Through collective effort and adherence to meaningful safety practices, we can foster a safer and more productive environment for all members of the Marine Corps Base Hawaii.

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## Is it Too Busy, Complacency, or Both? By Chris Dameron – Safety Specialist, Fire Program

How many times have you walked by that cardboard box on the floor? It might be empty or not and it's in the walkway or pushed up against the wall, sort of in the walkway? You thought to yourself, I'll get that when I'm done completing the task at hand. Yet, we get busy, or

something comes up and our attention is needed elsewhere. The task is finished, and we go home for the day. The next day you walk by it again and the same thought goes through your head, I'll get it when I'm done. How many times does the cycle repeat before we become complacent?

Trending tells us we could substitute a cardboard box with a fire extinguisher that's been used or damaged or a gas can with fuel in it and it's sitting on the shelf. Items we see every day and know they are for our protection or are hazardous to us, but we are so busy with other tasks, that we leave it there with hopes that someone else will take care of it or somehow, we'll remember and come back.

Maybe we can slow the trend and start to change the culture. What if, when we see an issue or a problem, we think, would I leave this issue in this condition, if this is my mom's house? Would I leave something in the hallway

for her to trip on or block her way out? Would I leave the overloaded surge protector plugged into the extension cord at my mom's house or would I take care of, right then.

Whether you need to add in a reason or not, hopefully this helps you think about the deficiencies or issues that need to be addressed and you do something about them. People will see and we can start the change.

## An ESO Explosives Minute

Hello MCBH! Scott Ebert here, your Base Explosives Safety Officer, with important information about MPPEH (Material Potentially Presenting an Explosive Hazard). MPPEH includes items such as used munitions containers, debris from live-fire events, and materials contaminated with explosive residues. At the unit level, the most common MPPEH is range dunnage-used munitions packaging materials generated during live-fire exercises.

It is crucial that the Range Officer in Charge ensures all MPPEH is thoroughly inspected, documented, and rendered Material Documented as Safe (MDAS) before leaving the range. This requires trained personnel to complete a DD Form 1348 with an MDAS certification statement. Effective immediately, MCBH Range Control will not clear units from the range until all MPPEH has been rendered MDAS and the properly completed DD Form 1348 has been reviewed.

Units must store MDAS materials in a designated, secure location with limited access to maintain chain of custody. The storage area should be covered and protected from the elements. Failure to maintain proper documentation or chain of custody will result in the material being administratively reverted to MPPEH status, requiring the unit to return it to the range for recertification. Units may store brass for up to 10 working days after training before turning it in to MCBH Recycling, which will issue a DD Form 1348 as proof of turn-in.

All DD Form 1348s related to this process must be retained for 10 years (three years active and seven years archived) and are subject to inspection by the MCBH Explosives Safety Office. Any deficiencies will be

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reported to the Commanding Officer, MCBH. For questions or concerns, please contact me at [scott.ebert@usmc.mil](mailto:scott.ebert@usmc.mil) or 808-216-6256.

### The Traffic Corner

#### Why Wear Gear?

Why is wearing protective gear so important, you ask? Let me start by painting a picture: imagine riding through paradise, where the wind dances through your hair like a hula dancer swaying to the rhythm of a traditional tune. It sounds idyllic, doesn't it? But don't let the serene scenery fool you—Hawaii's roads can be unpredictable. One moment, you're cruising along lush, winding paths; the next, you're navigating waist-high grass or dodging angry chickens. Without the right protective gear, you could go from looking like a laid-back island rider to resembling a victim of a roadside disaster.

First things first: **size matters**. Wearing gear that doesn't fit properly can be uncomfortable and unsafe. Ill-fitting gear might feel like you're being stuffed into a bucket or, conversely, swimming in it. Properly fitted gear should feel snug—not tight—and allow for comfortable movement. Helmets, for example, should fit securely enough to stay in place without causing hot spots or headaches.

Protective gear has been proven to save lives in accidents, whether you're riding a motorcycle, bicycle, skateboard, scooter, moped, or e-bike. Remember: while you can control your ride and actions, you can't control other riders or vehicles around you. Wearing gear isn't just required—it's the safe and responsible thing to do.

This version improves clarity while maintaining the engaging tone of your original text. Let me know if you'd like further refinements!

If you have any questions on anything traffic safety related, please don't hesitate to contact me: Mike Horn; [michael.horn@usmc.mil](mailto:michael.horn@usmc.mil)

Remember, the Installation Safety Office is here for you, reach out if you need any assistance.

### Installation Safety Office

The installation Safety office is located on building 279 on E Street across from the Used Car Resale Lot.

Our offices are open Monday-Friday 0730-1600 but are on call 24/7.

Our main office line is 808-496-1830.

Please check training calendar and complete any prerequisites that may be required. Please note that any no shows will be communicated to and command signoff will be needed to be able to reschedule.

