



Marine Corps Base Hawaii Commanding Officer's Policy *Safety*



As part of the Indo-Pacific forces, Marine Corps Base Hawaii must at all times be prepared to support combat and contingency operations. In order to ensure that we are appropriately postured to respond when called upon, we must minimize unnecessary risk and approach all evolutions in a measured and thoughtful manner. The health of our Marines, Sailors, and assigned mission is too important to needlessly jeopardize due to poor planning or haphazard action.

In all pursuits we must continually apply the principles of Operational Risk Management and leadership at all levels must actively engage to identify risk, implement control measures, and continuously monitor the conduct of operations. Every activity must be planned, briefed, communicated, and executed in the most professional manner possible; shortcuts set a dangerous precedence that often injures Marines and damages equipment. No checklist can adequately cover all contingencies, but a correct application of the principles of Operational Risk Management will help mitigate unnecessary risk.

This combat mindset and the application of safety principles applies both on and off duty. Each year, Service members in Hawaii are seriously injured or killed in off duty mishaps. Regardless of activity, you must ensure that you have deliberately considered the risk and minimized it to the maximum extent possible. Our families, loved ones, and fellow teammates are counting on us to make smart decisions that bring us home at the end of the day.

Safety is an all-hands effort and I empower every individual, regardless of rank or billet, to stop any evolution in order to provide an opportunity to re-evaluate our strategy and formulate corrective steps. Our Safety and Occupational Health Program is an essential enabler to our operations and I welcome all efforts to increase our safety posture.

I encourage you to suggest improvements through my Base Safety Director, Mr. Robert McCarthy, at (808) 257-5719.

Thank you for your service, I'm proud to be part of this team!

Semper Fidelis,

J.W. BEAVEN

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