

Senior Commander's Labor Day Safety Message

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MEMORANDUM FOR All Carlisle Barracks Personnel

SUBJECT: 2018 Labor Day Safety Message

1. Labor Day is an annual holiday created by the labor movement to celebrate and honor the contributions American workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our nation. In seasonal terms, the holiday marks the symbolic end of summer and the last opportunity for recreational travel and warm-weather activities.
2. While eagerly anticipated, holiday weekends remind us of the critical importance of standards and discipline. Total Army fatalities are up 7 percent from the time last year with off-duty incidents accounting for approximately 74 percent of all Army accidental fatalities. Additionally, more than 1,200 Class C accidents have been reported across the Army since the start of the fiscal year—given another inch or a few more seconds, many of these mishaps could have easily resulted in tragedy. As an institution focused on strategic leadership, these statistics should be sobering.
3. Uniformed and civilian personnel must utilize all available tools and resources to prevent injuries and unnecessary losses. At times, familiarity can lead to complacency. I rely on each of you to remain vigilant and to employ the risk management process before engaging in activities. Many of you are new to the installation, and we value your fresh perspectives. As you become acquainted with your surroundings, please report observed hazards or unsafe acts. You play a vital role in the safety and security of Carlisle Barracks.
4. Every soldier, civilian, contractor, and family member on Carlisle Barracks is vital to our mission. I encourage you to do what you know is right. Follow established standards this holiday weekend and ensure those around you do the same. Have a safe and happy Labor Day!
5. Strength and Wisdom!


JOHN S. KEM
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding General

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For all employees, servicemembers -- have a fun and safety Labor Day weekend.