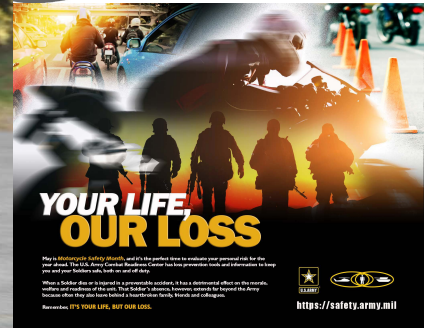


Think safety when on the roads

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But before you head out on the road, keep in mind some tips that will help keep you and those around you safe and ready for action.

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, as designated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The observance coincides with the beginning of riding season for many Soldiers and serves as an early kickoff for the critical days of summer.

Driver Awareness

More motorcycles than ever are registered on Army installations.

Motorcycle riding has become the off-duty activity of choice for many Soldiers, Civilians and Family members. Motorcycle accidents impact readiness and the safety of the Soldiers, Families and Civilians is imperative for Army readiness. Alcohol impairment and speed are regularly cited as contributing factors to motorcycle accidents, however vehicle operators frequently violate motorcyclists' right of way. Drivers can help reduce motorcycle collisions by following these simple tips:

- Share the road with motorcyclists
- Check blind spots and areas around other vehicles for motorcyclists that may be obstructed from view.
- Don't anticipate a motorcycle's movement.
- Eliminate distractions while behind the wheel (cell phone use, food consumption, etc.).

Free Motorcycle Safety Training available

The Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program offers FREE training to all Pennsylvania residents and active duty military members with a class motorcycle learner's permit or motorcycle license. Training is offered for motorcycle operators of all levels and includes: aspiring new riders, semi-experienced, three-wheeled, and advanced riders. Students who successfully complete the Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program courses may be entitled to insurance premium discounts through participating insurance companies.

The Pennsylvania Motorcycle Safety Program offers classes throughout the entire year at multiple training sites throughout Pennsylvania. Class schedules are posted approximately 4-6 weeks in advance. For additional information on obtaining motorcycle safety training, please call 800-845-9533 or visit <http://www.pamsp.com>.

Off-Duty Safety Awareness

In order to assist Leaders with making every Soldier, Civilian, and Family Member aware of the off-duty hazards they will face in the upcoming summer months, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center updated the 2018 Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation. This presentation includes the latest information regarding off-duty accidents, new graphics, embedded videos, and supported speaker notes. While the presentation targets the Army's top off-duty fatal activities, it also includes information on things such as home safety, fatigue management, alcohol consumption, and privately-owned vehicles.

Although the presentation and speaker notes can be used as is, you can add or delete slides and modify the notes to suit your presentation style or

to reflect what is happening within your organization. The goal is to assist Leaders in making every Soldier, Civilian, and Family Member aware of the off-duty hazards they may encounter in the upcoming months so they can become part of the solution in preventing the next mishap. If you found this presentation useful or would like to make recommendations for improvement, please send all constructive feedback to:
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