



REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CARLISLE BARRACKS PERSONNEL

SUBJECT: 2017 Independence Day Safety Message

1. Two hundred and forty one years ago, the founders of the United States of America signed one of the most important documents in our Nation's history: the Declaration of Independence. We commemorate the Declaration of Independence as our official statement of values and celebrate its signing on the Fourth of July. As we approach Independence Day, many are rightfully planning vacations, outdoor excursions, and a wide variety of social activities. This upcoming holiday is a time of celebration, but it is not without an increased risk of accidents.
2. As you make your plans, remember to account for hazards that can ruin your fun by keeping safety foremost in mind. Fatal personal injury and pedestrian mishaps have hit our Army hard this year. This is a trend that also overlaps with incidents in the civilian sector. On average, one pedestrian dies in a crash-related accident every two hours. Most pedestrian incidents occur at night, so see and be seen. Alcohol impairment is routinely cited as a contributing factor, so please moderate alcohol consumption and avoid walking along roadways.
3. With the onset of summer and the anticipated rise of off-duty accidents, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center launched its annual off-duty safety awareness presentation. I strongly encourage all leaders to take time during staff meetings, briefings, and routine conversations to highlight the role of safety in off-duty activities. The presentation and related resources are available at: <https://safety.army.mil>.
4. Wherever your plans take you this July 4th, remember our Nation, your families, friends, and battle buddies are counting on you to make smart decisions. Have a safe and wonderful weekend!
5. Strength and Wisdom!

BE SAFE! ARMY STRONG!


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