

COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY POLICY



Safety is the responsibility of everyone in the command. The very nature of our business requires a constant focus on safety to keep people from getting killed, maimed, or otherwise injured. If we are to meet our mission and protect our most precious asset, our **MARINES**, we must keep safety in mind at all times. **Safety will not be sacrificed for the expediency of convenience!**

Prevention begins with the situational awareness and sound decision making. At all times we must be using the five steps of Operational Risk Management (ORM) to mitigate or eliminate

potentially dangerous situations:

- Identify Hazards
- Assess Hazards
- Make Risk Decisions
- Implement Controls
- Supervise

Safety requires an ongoing and continuous effort that involves more than simply following standard operating procedures and work practices. We must incorporate **ORM** as an important and routine part of our daily operations and by doing so, we will help preserve our personnel and material assets while maximizing mission accomplishment.

Likewise, **ORM** must also be used during off-duty activities to ensure we identify risks and mitigate or eliminate them as much as possible. Our duty as professional leaders is to ensure we implement proper safety practices 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

EVERY member of MALS-14, regardless of rank or position, has the authority to stop an unsafe practice. All potentially unsafe working conditions shall be reported to the Squadron Safety Officer or to the Chain of Command. It is my intent to rectify unsafe conditions immediately and assure everyone there will be no reprisal when safety concerns are brought to my attention. Ignoring an unsafe condition, however, will not be tolerated.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. T. Horvath', written over a large, faint watermark of the MALS-14 crest.

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