



## Commanding Officer Financial Management School Safety Policy

Marines,

Together we must maintain a comprehensive safety culture that addresses on and off-duty behavior through risk management. In most cases, this means using good judgement and sticking to a well thought-out plan. Other times it means avoiding the poor decision cycles of careless and reckless behaviors. Anytime we introduce a catalyst like alcohol or a bad actor into a decision cycle we compromise judgement. Impaired or compromised judgment can cascade into a series of mistakes that can quickly ruin a career or, even worse, cause loss of life.

It is your responsibility to influence safe behavior by setting the example and holding your peers accountable for their behavior and performance. If the circumstances do not feel right, they probably are not. This is your opportunity to speak up and voice your concern. Even if you are not able to influence your peers, at a minimum remove yourself from the situation and notify your chain of command.

In our line of work we train and practice repeatedly on how to mitigate unnecessary risk in an inherently dangerous environment. Whether on the range or in the classroom you are empowered to respond to unsafe conditions that have the potential to result in a mishap, injury, or death by simply speaking out.

I am personally committed to the safety of the Marines in my care and the Civilians who support this mission. This environment is ideal for making safety a priority and looking for opportunities to mitigate unnecessary risk when observed. Consider the following:

- **Nature can be merciless and unpredictable** – understanding the threats from wildlife, the coastal waters, and the frequent serious weather events will inform risk management.
- **Stick to the plan** – avoid detours and uncomfortable compromises, stay on target and if all else fails call someone in your chain of command and ask for help.
- **Avoid showmanship and mob mentality** – bad group decisions are still bad individual decisions and I will hold you accountable.
- **Sports related Injury** – whether on the field, in the gym, or on the beach, know your physical limitations and do not be pressured to exceed them.

If you believe a situation or circumstance is unsafe act on it, if you need to report a safety issue or bring a safety concern to my attention please contact the Financial Management School Command Safety Officer, GySgt Landwehr at (910) 450-0452.



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