



## COMMANDER'S 2013 POLICY STATEMENT ON SAFETY

Marine Corps Installations Command is actively committed to providing a safe environment for everyone aboard our 24 installations. In order for us to achieve this objective, safety must be a **TEAM** effort with committed participation and accountability. We will focus on the following four elements:

**Train**ing to safely accomplish a task requires comprehensive preparation through education and mentorship. We must ensure our communication is extensive, well-placed, and effectively projects the requirements necessary for a safe environment. Additionally, training implies both a personal responsibility to apply the knowledge and a duty to convey the lessons to others through active mentorship.

**Everyone** must understand their roles in order to achieve mission success. Instructions and guidelines must be accurate, up to date, and adhered to. Take the initiative to seek out and implement sound improvements to provide a safe environment for all. Know the rules, share the knowledge, and understand the hazards of your environment.

**Accountability** is everyone's responsibility. Every member of the command is essential for success. We are each accountable to one another. Effective communication is an important element of this responsibility. Enforce the rules consistently and fairly – overlooking the simplest safety violation can compromise the integrity of a safe environment.

**Minimize** potential and existing hazards. Risk management should be deliberate and planned – we require it in order to train, we should practice it in our daily activities as well. This implementation requires courage and a commitment to both mission accomplishment and the welfare of others. Take the time to provide the best environment for all those aboard our installations, and remember – mission accomplishment is first, safety is always.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James A. Kessler".  
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