



*What Have You Done to Save a Life Today?*



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### Take 5 this summer

**FORT RUCKER, Ala. (April 1, 2011)** -- We are just a week away from launching the 2011 Safe Spring/Summer campaign, which will once again stress the importance of proactive, prevention-focused risk mitigation during the summer months. Many of you are aware seasons change and so do safety hazards. Our goal is not to lose or injure a single Soldier, Civilian, or Family member due to an accident.

These next six months are cause for concern, as this is historically a time when we see an escalation in our off-duty fatalities, particularly those not wearing seat belts in privately owned vehicles and on motorcycles.

As we enjoy the summer season, we must remember excessive consumption of alcohol, assaults, and other acts of indiscipline can combine to make this time particularly hazardous if leaders and Soldier are not planning ahead and looking out for each other. I expect leaders to be involved, identify the hazards their subordinates are likely to face, teach them to be aware for changing conditions, and help them to mitigate the risks. Leaders must emphasize personal responsibility, consequences of alcohol abuse, and indiscipline.

This year's campaign, which runs April 1 through Sept. 30, encourages every member of the Army Family to get out and enjoy all that summer has to offer, but to ask yourself "what have you done to save a life today?"

My team has once again developed a Website hosting feature articles, posters and videos focusing on more than 20 summer safety topics to help you build a successful summer safety program. Please visit <https://safety.army.mil> and click on the 2011 Safe Spring/Summer Campaign icon in the bottom right corner.

While we saw a reduction in off-duty fatalities last summer, each of us must take an active role if we are to repeat that success and drive down losses even farther this year. Safety awareness, discipline, and teamwork are key enablers to a safe summer. Please encourage your Soldiers to "Take 5" this summer, by looking out for each other and protecting our Band of Brothers and Sisters.

Thank you for what you do every day to keep our Soldiers, Civilians and Families safe.

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