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TRiPS: Making the connection

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Narrative:

For some Soldiers, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center is synonymous with one of its frequently used tools: The Travel Risk Planning System or TRiPS.

TRiPS is an online risk assessment tool developed to help commanders and leaders mitigate risk and reduce the number of accidents for Soldiers driving private motor vehicles and motorcycles outside their local area.

To date, Soldiers have completed over 10 million TRiPS assessments since its inception in fiscal 2004. Safety officials across the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard agree that the program has been instrumental in reducing private motor vehicle accidents.

TRiPS was recently upgraded with an improved motorcycle section and space for digital comments, plus the addition of a digitally signable AKO MyForms DA-31 leave form and safety banners relevant to specific assessments. Soldiers will continue to see improvements to the program in the future. Safety officials are currently developing a redesign that will significantly increase TRiPS capabilities.

Key Messages:

- TRiPS gives leaders a snapshot of where their Soldiers are going and how they're planning on getting there.
- In the fight against accidental fatalities, knowledge is the weapon of choice.
- TRiPS gives supervisors visibility of their Soldiers plans and affords the opportunity for discussion and mentorship..

Talking points:

- It's important to remember that TRiPS is just a tool to aid leaders and not a replacement nor catch-all for all associated risks.
- Safety is such a constant part of a Soldier's life they sometimes get complacent. Leaders need to engage their Soldiers and talk about the decisions they make and why they make them.
- TRiPS helps put the onus of risk mitigation on the Soldier and gives them buy in into risk management.
- Soldiers need to take personal responsibility for their actions and be held accountable before an accident occurs.

Tips:

Soldiers are required to fill out TRiPS assessments before traveling outside the local area on leave, pass, permanent change of station or official travel, according to Army Regulation 385-10, The Army Safety Program. Department of the Army Civilians are also required to fill out an assessment prior to official travel or PCS.

Below is an excerpt, reference TRiPS, from Army Regulation 385-10, The Army Safety Program:

6-3. Preparation for leave and temporary duty

a. Procedures will be developed and implemented at all levels of the Army to ensure Soldiers have applied CRM to their leave, pass, TDY, or PCS travel plans, which involve driving out of the local area, as determined by the commander.

(1) Immediate supervisors will require the use of the automated POV risk assessment tool at <https://crc.army.mil>, prior to leave, pass, TDY, or PCS outside the local area, as determined by the commander.

(2) Immediate supervisors will review their Soldiers planning, consult with them on their plans and work with each Soldier to reduce any unacceptable risk.

b. Procedures will be developed and implemented at all levels of the Army to ensure that Army civilians have applied CRM to their TDY and PCS planning.

(1) Supervisors will require the use of the automated POV risk assessment tool at <https://crc.army.mil> prior to TDY trips or PCS outside the local area, as determined by the commander.

(2) Supervisors will review their Army civilians' TDY and PCS planning, consult with them on their plans and work with each Army civilian to reduce any unacceptable risk.

Historical Reference:

<https://safety.army.mil/>

http://www.apd.army.mil/pdf/files/r385_10.pdf

<https://trips.safety.army.mil/>

https://safety.army.mil/Portals/multimedia/Repository/InfoPapers/CRC_Info_Paper_FOPS_TRiPS_10_April12_js.pdf

<https://safety.army.mil/povmotorcyclesafety/>