

POV Passenger Rights & Responsibilities

By: Mr. Mike Evans, Army Safety Professional

As a passenger in a privately-owned vehicle (POV), Soldiers have "Safety Rights and Responsibilities" no matter their grade or the grade of the driver.

The American Soldier has the right and responsibility to correct a hazardous situation that may put their lives or others at risk when a passenger in a vehicle whether on duty or off. Through the process of Composite Risk Management (CRM) the Soldier identifies those hazards that will either injure or end their lives and adversely impact the unit's mission and act to reduce the risk and severity of the hazard.

The Army loses soldiers often that are passengers who feel that they are not empowered to stop a driver that puts their lives at risk.

It is the responsibility of all leaders to ensure their Soldiers know they are empowered to take a stand even as a passenger for self-preservation and those with them.

Encourage Soldiers to think of themselves as a co-driver that helps the operator identify hazards, assess the hazard, develop a plan of action to mitigate or reduce the risk, then implement the control measure in a constant attempt to be safe and responsible motorists. Does the process sound familiar, it should, it's the steps of risk management.



Leaders have to be willing to back their soldiers when they are faced with these decisions that may involve a great amount of peer pressure to go along with the pack and be one of the crowd.

We here at the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center challenge you to make a difference as a passenger to "improve combat readiness.....one boot print at a time..."

For more information on POV safety contact the Driving Directorate at usarmy.rucker.hqda-secarmy.list.safe-awards@mail.mil