

Army Leader, Battle Buddy and Individual Risk Assessments

What is it?

The Army Leader, Battle Buddy and Individual Risk Assessments are pocket-sized, tri-fold cards designed to help Soldiers at all levels identify risk factors that could lead to an accident. Regardless of rank, all Soldiers should be actively involved in minimizing risk, and each card contains a series of questions specifically formulated to foster awareness of risky behaviors in themselves and others. The cards also contain guidance on risk mitigation measures and a list of resources for individuals who may need further assistance.

What has Army Safety done?

Current Army data show a significant number of accidents result from human error. Whether an accident is due to indiscipline, complacency or overconfidence, the fact remains that senseless loss or injury can and should be prevented. Each risk assessment is geared toward identifying risk factors that may be evident to others, but not necessarily to the person at risk. The cards not only heighten awareness, which is key to accident prevention, but also offer a plan of action, which is equally important.

What does Army Safety have planned for the future?

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center will continue to examine the correlation between human behaviors and accidents in an effort to identify trends. As trends are identified, programs and tools will be developed and fielded to ensure safe practices and offer guidance to those in need.

Why is this important to the Army?

Unit readiness is essential to mission success, and engagement on all fronts is critical in loss prevention. Senseless accidents resulting in lost work days, injuries or fatalities can be prevented if Soldiers are proactive rather than reactive in identifying at-risk individuals. The Leader, Battle Buddy and Individual Risk Assessments are advantageous to the mission because they offer insight into who is at risk and help Soldiers target areas that need attention.

Resources:

U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center home page
<https://safety.army.mil>

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