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## POW Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A 25-year-old Specialist assigned to 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado, died in a privately owned weapon mishap 1 December 2018 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at 2155 local. The Soldier, while hosting a party at his residence, was struck by a discharged round from a handgun that was being handled by another Soldier. Alcohol was reported as involved in the mishap.

### ENGAGEMENT TIPS:

• Firearms are designed to be deadly weapons and alcohol can have an adverse impact on your physical and mental balance. Never mix alcohol and weapons, and always **THINK** weapons safety!

**T**reat every weapon as if it is loaded.

**H**andle every weapon with care.

**I**dentify the target before you fire.

**N**ever point the muzzle at anything you don't intend to shoot.

**K**eep the weapon on safe and your finger off the trigger until you intend to fire.

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