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Privately Owned Weapon Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Sergeant First Class died in an accidental discharge mishap 9 February 2019 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at 1530 local. The Soldier was handling or cleaning his privately owned handgun at his residence when he was struck by a discharged round.

ENGAGEMENT TIPS:

- Always **THINK** weapons safety!

Treat every weapon as if it is loaded.

Handle every weapon with care.

Identify the target before you fire.

Never point the muzzle at anything you don't intend to shoot.

Keep the weapon on safe and your finger off the trigger until you intend to fire.

PLRs provide leaders with awareness of Army loss and highlight potential trends that affect combat readiness. Our Army depends on you to use these PLRs to help Soldiers understand the impact of decisions made on and off duty.

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Additional U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center PLR resources can be found on the USACRC website at <https://safety.army.mil/PLR>.

