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PMV-2 Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Sergeant First Class assigned to Fort Knox, Kentucky, died in a PMV-2 mishap 4 March 2021 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, at 1345 local. The specific circumstances of the mishap, including speed, completion of required Motorcycle Safety Foundation training, and alcohol or drugs as contributing factors, are unknown at this time. It was confirmed that the Soldier was wearing all required personal protective equipment. The safety point of contact is still waiting for local authorities to release additional information.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 27 Soldiers a year to off-duty PMV-2 mishaps. This mishap was the ninth off-duty PMV-2 fatality of FY21 and above the number of fatalities for the same time period last year.

- Avoid distractions, including mobile phones and other devices, which can divert your attention, even with hands-free functionality.
- Aim high when looking out over the handlebars at the road.
- Keep your eyes moving, meaning don't just stare at the road ahead; frequently check mirrors.
- Leave yourself an out; this means anticipating what would happen if you had to swerve or slam on the brakes.
- Position both hands firmly but comfortably on handlebars.
- Never drive while feeling drowsy or sleepy; pull over at a rest stop or other safe place to take a break and get some real rest.

PLRs are intended to be used as an engagement tool for leaders to discuss the hazards and trends impacting Soldier safety and readiness. The PLR contains only basic information but provides sufficient background to allow leaders an opportunity to communicate risk at the Soldier level. More detailed information on this and other Army mishaps can be found on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center website at <https://safety.army.mil/lessonslearned>.

To access current U.S. Army accident statistics and reports, visit <https://safety.army.mil/STATISTICS>.

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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>.

