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On-Duty Sports, Recreation and Physical Training Claims One Soldier's Life

A Private assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, died in an on-duty Sports, Recreation and Physical Training mishap 24 October 2021 at Fort Benning, Georgia, at approximately 1930 local. The Soldier, in basic training, was participating in an individual run on the battalion track when he collapsed. Two drill sergeants assisted with medical treatment and notified emergency services. The Soldier was transported to the local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Since 2017, the Army has lost an average of one Soldier a year to on-duty Sports, Recreation and Physical Training mishaps. This is the first on-duty Sports, Recreation and Physical Training fatality of FY22.

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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