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# Off-Duty Sports, Recreation and Physical Training Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Sergeant assigned to Grafenwohr, Germany, died in an off-duty water-related mishap on 12 July 2022 in Ham Lake, Minnesota at 1759 local. The Soldier was on leave visiting friends and swimming in the pool while the homeowners were away. The homeowners returned home and discovered the Soldier unresponsive on his back at the bottom of their pool. They pulled him from the water and called 911. Soldier was pronounced dead at the scene. Alcohol use is unknown at this time. This mishap is under investigation by the local law enforcement.

**Since FY17, the Army has lost an average of eight Soldiers a year to off-duty water-related mishaps. This was the fourth fatal off-duty water-related mishap of FY22 and above the number of off-duty water-related fatalities from this time last year.**

*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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