

Get in S.T.E.P. Safety Takes Every Person

SAFE -- Staying Accident-Free Everywhere

GSA Vehicles and Government Driver's licenses.

Are you driving a GSA vehicle? Have you taken the Defensive Driving Classes?

Did you know that if you are driving a GSA vehicle, **YOU MUST HAVE A GOVERNMENT DRIVER'S LICENSES.**

This license must be with you EVERY time you drive a GSA vehicle.

The WSMR police conduct spot checks throughout the year. Are YOU going to get stopped without your license?

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A GOVERNMENT DRIVER'S LICENSE, THEN YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DRIVE A GSA VEHICLE. Would you like to have your Government driver's license? Then ask your safety coordinator about the Defensive Driving Class.

Visit these WEBSITES to find more information on Safety!

<http://www.osha.gov>

<http://www.ehso.com>

<http://www.halloween-safety.com>



Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP)

4 Major Elements

1. Management Commitment and Employee Involvement
2. Worksite Analysis
3. Hazard Prevention and Control
4. Safety and Health Training

Driving in High Winds

Wind can create difficulties for drivers of all vehicles. High winds are especially challenging for trucks, RVs and trailers, but they also affect cars and, not surprisingly, SUVs as well. When you experience high winds:

- Reduce your speed
- Be careful when driving close to trucks, buses and other large vehicles
- Pay attention to travel warnings and bans; some states restrict the use of certain vehicles when winds are high

Take great care making steering corrections when going from protected to open areas.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN.....

Parents of trick-or-treating kids can get so caught up in the fun themselves that they might forget some simple safety ideas that could save everyone some trouble. Having a fun and safe Halloween will make it all worth while. Below are just a few common sense tips that can help.

- ☠ Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them.
- ☠ The best bet is to make sure that an adult is going with them. If you can't take them, see if another parent or a teen aged sibling can go along.
- ☠ Know what other activities a child may be attending, such as parties, school or mall functions.
- ☠ Make sure you set a time that they should be home by. Make sure they know how important it is for them to be home on time.
- ☠ Explain to children the difference between tricks and vandalism. Throwing eggs at a house may seem like fun but they need to know the other side of the coin as well, clean up and damages can ruin Halloween. If they are caught vandalizing, make them clean up the mess they've made.
- ☠ Explain to your kids that animal cruelty is not acceptable. Kids may know this on their own but peer pressure can be a bad thing. Make sure that they know that harming animals is not only morally wrong but punishable by law and will not be tolerated.

Have any questions, comments, or suggestion, call me **TODAY**.
No comment or suggestion to small.

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DRIVING YOUR CAR - HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW IT?

- X☹ Are your headlights working?
- X☹ Do your blinkers work?
- X☹ Do your emergency light work?
- X☹ Is your license plate tag current?
- X☹ Are the lights on your license plate working?
- X☹ Do your reverse lights work?
- X☹ Do your brake lights work?
- X☹ Are your tires at the right air pressure?
- X☹ Do you have a nail in your tire?
- X☹ Are your tires still good?
- X☹ Are your windshield wipers ready to be replaced?
- X☹ Oh and WHAT IS THAT RATTLE???????????????

Handy Tip: Next time you are parked in front of a plate glass window, turn on your lights, check your blinkers, emergency parking lights and your brake lights.

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Safety Coordinators REMINDER:

Your October safety meeting topic should be Driving. See email 9/29/2010 from the Installation Safety Office, REF: Safety Gram 07-15 Driving Safety.doc (Attached)

Please use the attached Safety Gram for your October Safety Meeting. Provide Memo and Sign in Sheets to your Primary Coordinator for submission to Installation Safety POC's. This is a mandatory requirement. Memos and Sign in Sheets will be provided to the Command.

Review the WSMR SOP 385-2, Army Motor Vehicle and Government Operated Vehicle Accident Prevention Program (U) find out about reporting accidents. If you need the SOP call us (678-0372/8966) we'll gladly send it to you. If you have a safety suggestion for the Next S.T.E.P. let us know.

Last month, Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis announced a partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation to combat distracted driving. Prohibiting texting while driving is also the subject of an executive order signed by President Barack Obama last year for federal employees and the subject of rulemaking by the Department of Transportation.

The Transportation Department reports that in 2009 more than 5,400 people died in crashes linked to distraction and thousands more were injured. In particular, texting while driving has become such a prominent hazard that 30 states now ban text messaging for all drivers. Learn more about combating texting while driving and other distracted driver hazards at the Transportation Department website <http://www.distraction.gov>

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Driving Safety

There's no doubt that the many motions we go through every day are difficult and even occasionally dangerous. Driving just happens to be one of these dangers. More than 41,000 people died as a result of motor vehicle accidents in 2006. An additional three million people were injured. Clearly, changes need to be made in order to make driving a safer activity.

We sometimes hear drivers talking about a "dangerous mile" on the roads they travel. This may be an area where there is a blind curve, a steep hill, an uncontrolled intersection or heavy, fast-moving traffic. It is important to be aware of the particular hazards of any stretch of road. However, the most dangerous mile is always the mile right in front of you. That is the mile which needs your undivided attention and your very best driving skills to travel safely.



Whether you put in the miles at work or put in the miles on weekends and vacations, keep these safety tips in mind:

Drive defensively. You must take action to prevent collisions in spite of bad driving by others. Safe driving includes the ability to adapt your driving to the situation.

Wear your seatbelt and shoulder harness. These safety devices have been proven to reduce injuries and fatalities in a motor vehicle crash.

Become familiar with all the controls on a vehicle before starting out. Adjust the seat and mirrors before setting a vehicle in motion.

Observe speed limits, and reduce your speed for corners or curves.

Get in the habit of reading all road warning signs. That way, you won't have to be surprised by curves and traffic lights that seem to appear out of nowhere; chances are there was a sign back there that told you it was coming up.

Plan your route. This will avoid the temptation for last-minute exits from the freeway and U-turns in city traffic.

Get the big picture. Watch for traffic in front of you, behind you and on both sides of your vehicle. Be alert for potential hazards such as car doors that could open, or children or pets that could run into the street. Watch out for drivers who could fail to stop at stoplights or suddenly veer into your lane.

Fight fatigue. Start your trip well rested and alert. Avoid heavy foods before traveling. Take regular rest breaks and get out and stretch.

Never drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Take advantage of driver training to improve and update your driving skills. Changes in vehicles and driving conditions require changes in driving habits.

Keep your mind on your driving and the traffic around you. The most dangerous mile is the one right in front of you, so give it your full attention whenever you drive.

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During the month of September WSMR experienced a great loss of a fellow employee. Our Commanding General published thru the email a message to the workforce. We have received approval to run the email message in our October S.T.E.P. to emphasize the importance of safety while operating a motor vehicle. PLEASE take time to read the message and a minute to soak in the safety message our Commanding General is relaying to all of us that get into a vehicle or on a motorcycle. Thank you. S.T.E.P. Committee

From: Medeiros, Carol CIV USA ATEC
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2010 11:34 AM
Subject: On Behalf of BG Regan - Reflecting on Last Week's Fatal Traffic Accident (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I know that many of you are reflecting on the tragic accident that took the life of our friend and teammate, Mr Jeff Pauley. As you reflect on the accident, please remember our focus is on remembering and honoring Jeff for his contributions to WSMR and our nation, while comforting and supporting his family and friends at this difficult time.

I also understand that some members of TEAM WSMR are reflecting on the causes of the accident in order to prevent future tragedies. This type of reflection is understandable, but please do so in a sensitive manner that is respectful of Jeff, his family, friends and other members of TEAM WSMR. As you discuss or write to each other about the accident, please keep this guidance in mind.

At some point, we will formally review the causes of the accident from an installation perspective and refine our accident prevention strategy. This review will include the investigation reports on the accident. We do this because the life of every member of Team WSMR is important and together we must do everything possible to keep each of you safe. Needless to say - We will do this in a sensitive way that respects Jeff and his loved ones. In the interim, we know that we can do several things to reduce accident risks:

ALWAYS WEAR YOUR SEATBELTS. Please don't drive distracted, drunk or tired; and obey the speed limits. Follow these basic rules and you will help keep our community as safe as possible.

Thanks for honoring & remembering Jeff and comforting his family; please continue to keep Jeff and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Vr,
John Regan

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