



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS THIRD AIR FORCE (USAFE)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THIRD AIR FORCE PERSONNEL

FROM: 3 AF/CC

SUBJECT: Commander's Safety Policy...Eight Proven Principles for Safety

Here are eight proven safety principles that I need you to follow:

1. **Everyone is a leader when it comes to safety**...if something doesn't look right or someone is deviating from established procedures or checklists, step in and correct the situation.
2. **Take the time to do it right**...plan ahead, use the checklist and be wary of the urge to jump ahead or skip steps because "I've done it a million times".
3. **If you're not trained or equipped for the task, you shouldn't be doing it**...ask yourself, "Am I really trained to do this?" and "Do I have the right equipment?"
4. **Skills degrade over time—stay current and stay in books**...know when your training currency expires—get yourself the refresher/recurrency training you need.
5. **Fatigue hampers judgment and impacts safety**...I need you rested and ready to perform your job as Airmen. When out on the town with friends, get your group back to base at a reasonable hour and call it a night. Get plenty of rest...not much good happens after midnight during the week or on the weekends anyway.
6. **Always have a wingman**...your wingman keeps you from doing something that could hurt you, someone else, or embarrass our Air Force, USAF, or Third Air Force.
7. **When you are the designated driver (DD), don't drink at all**...if your DD plan falls apart, call any Third Air Force member for a ride home (to include me).
8. **Make time for physical fitness**...ever seen an out-of-shape Marine? No, because the Marines won't tolerate it. Let's have the same pride—less drinking, less smoking, and more time at the Fitness Center. You'll feel better, you'll make better decisions, and you will look like professional USAF Airmen!

Work smartly and enjoy your time off so we can Fly, Fight, and Win!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig A. Franklin".

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