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MEMORANDUM FOR NTC and Fort Irwin Leaders, Soldiers, Employees, and Families

SUBJECT: Winter Holiday Safety Message - 2015

1. The traditional winter holiday season includes the period between mid-November through the New Year's Holiday. This season provides a wonderful opportunity for personnel to take much needed time off from our daily routines, visit family and friends, and reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, and to look forward to the future and the New Year.
2. As we prepare for the up-coming holidays and the winter season, it is critical that we incorporate risk management into all our plans and activities. Increased travel and the seasonal changes in weather conditions increase the risk of accidents during this period.
3. Prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday and the winter school break, all personnel must be briefed on the potential hazards that may be encountered and methods and means for mitigating risk. While traffic accidents and fires are of particular concern, briefings and other safety initiatives should be tailored to the trends and seasonal hazards and activities specific to the organization and location.
4. The Combat Readiness Safety Center website <https://safety.army.mil/> is a valuable resources for tools and initiatives to support your accident prevention program and your holiday safety plan.
5. Whatever your plans during the holidays and throughout the winter season, ensure that you make safety a top priority. Good planning, leader involvement, individual buy-in, and communication are keys to success. I wish each and every member of this great Team a joyous holiday season and a safe return in the New Year!

TRAIN THE FORCE!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "JMM", written over a horizontal line.

JOSEPH M. MARTIN
Major General, USA
Commanding