



## National Safety Month

June 2014

More than halfway into fiscal year 2014, the number of accidental Army fatalities continues to decline. This trend demonstrates our team's commitment to safety, health and risk management, along with an amazing adaptability to our evolving mission requirements. Thank you for a job well done, and for ensuring the Army of tomorrow is ready and strong.

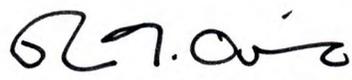
This June, we will again observe National Safety Month. While safety is a 24/7 imperative, dedicating the next 30 days to the subject gives leaders, Soldiers and Army Civilians an important opportunity to prepare for the summer ahead. The warmer months offer increased access to outdoor activities, and therefore greater exposure to accidental injury, illness and risk. We must frame our messages in such a way that Soldiers and Civilians view safety and health as an essential part of their plans, not a roadblock to fun and relaxation.

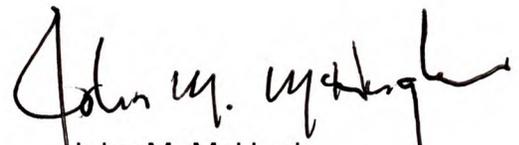
The U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center will release a multimedia campaign beginning 1 June. The campaign is focused on aviation safety, ground safety, driving safety and preventing civilian injuries. The Center's website, <https://safety.army.mil>, is available to help leaders leverage National Safety Month in their formations. While each of these areas is critical to our day-to-day operations, the vast majority of injuries, illnesses and fatal accidents involving Soldiers result from off-duty activities. By raising and maintaining awareness, we foster a positive safety climate where every member of our team can effectively manage his or her personal risk.

Thank you for supporting National Safety Month and the Army Safety Program. To be a ready Army, we must be a safe Army.

ARMY SAFE IS ARMY STRONG!

  
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