

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Command Safety Policy

1. The objectives of the Army Safety Program are to provide a safe and healthful environment, prevent injury and illness to personnel, and to minimize property loss. As Commander, I am the MEDDAC Safety Officer. This command's policy is to fully support the Army Safety Program and its objectives. This command endeavors to meet these objectives with the following initiatives:

- a. The establishment of a comprehensive Safety Program.
- b. Inspection of the MEDDAC.
- c. Training of MEDDAC personnel.
- d. Integration of safety into every element of our mission.

2. The first initiative is accomplished through the MEDDAC Safety Program document, MEDDAC Regulation 385-1. The second is accomplished through the unit level Safety NCOs who inspect their unit on a monthly basis and the Safety Manager who inspects the MEDDAC every six months. I expect all personnel to assist these individuals in identifying and correcting unsafe conditions. The Safety NCOs are a crucial component in the training program for the MEDDAC. They provide the site specific training needed to meet not only Army regulations, but also Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) standards. These regulations and standards must be met or surpassed for this command to remain in a competitive position within the Regional Medical Command. The final initiative is the integration of safety into our daily work. Safety must be integrated into standard operating procedures for the MEDDAC Hazardous Operations.

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3. With your support and efforts, the command will carry out all initiatives and meet the objectives of the Army Safety Program. This is my safety policy, and I look forward to working with you all in reaching the goal of a safe and healthful work environment.

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