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MEMORANDUM FOR The Adjutants General of all States, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Commanding General of the District of Columbia

SUBJECT: Army National Guard Summer Safety Message 2008

1. As the warm months of summer arrive, the desire to travel and enjoy the outdoors intensifies. Summertime, especially the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day, is a time when traffic and accidents increase. As accidents increase, so do the number of fatalities.
2. Many of us look forward to taking well-deserved vacations and spending more leisure time with our Families. We often fail to consider the risks of our favorite pastimes, such as traveling, sporting activities, hiking, camping, and grilling. We must use composite risk management to educate our Soldiers and encourage them to make safer decisions.
3. Leaders can do many things to increase the safety awareness of Soldiers. Discuss recent accidents and their causes. Explain contributing factors, such as the vehicle types, road conditions, and the times of the accidents. Remind Soldiers of the dangers of speeding, alcohol, and fatigue. Ensure that all Soldiers who ride motorcycles know the training requirements, comply with AR 385-10 and DODI 6055.4, and always wear proper personal protective equipment. Make certain Soldiers know the dangers of heat-related injuries and how to prevent them. Warn Soldiers of the danger of fire when camping, cooking, or using fireworks. Review potential dangers involved in sporting activities. All of these efforts can affect the safety of our Soldiers and their Families.
4. Safety is everyone's responsibility. We all must do everything we can to make sure our Soldiers remain safe. Let's make 2008 our safest summer ever.

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