



**COMMANDING OFFICER  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA  
SAFETY POLICY LETTER**



**There is no peacetime mission that is so critical that we will risk injury to our people or damage our assets by executing our tasks when we are not ready to do so.**

**Safety is not paramount, nor is it the goal of our training or execution. Safe operations are a byproduct of a strong Safety Culture – it is critical to everything we do.** Safety is the means of reaching our end, which is Mission Accomplishment. Rather than talking in terms of whether something is “safe” or “unsafe”, we will apply the concepts of risk management to determine which course is best, both on and off duty.

**Do the right thing.** Professionalism is the foundation for safe operations. To be a true professional, you have to conduct your business by the book. We have many regulations that govern our professional and personal conduct. When you combine these regulations with common sense and good judgement it will provide you a roadmap to sound decision making. Always do the right thing, even when no one is looking.

**Play smart, take care of each other.** Just because you are off duty is no reason to let your guards down. We do a good job of identifying the hazards at work, but often allow peer pressure, poor judgement and compromised thinking to get us into harmful situations away from work. We should all have fun when we are away from the Air Station; we work hard and deserve it. There’s nothing wrong with having a great time. Play smart by being responsible, having a liberty partner(s) and sticking to your plan. Always remember, we all have responsibility to take care of one another.

At the most basic level, we cannot fight and win against our nation’s enemies with anything less than Full Mission Capable Marines, Sailors, Civilians and equipment. Whether you are at work or on liberty, we must maintain the discipline and professionalism for which this Air Station is known.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Charles E. Dudik'.

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