



Short Safety Subject

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4th Of July Holiday Safety



The anniversary of the Declaration of Independence is an important celebration for all Americans. Across our great land and in many nations overseas, Americans will join together to proudly display their love of country and their commitment to its ideals.

Unfortunately, important holidays are often celebrated with the overindulgence of alcohol. Outdoor activities and family vacations will be the order of the day. For many, particularly family members, this means an opportunity to participate in activities that present potential hazards such as swimming, boating and hiking. Advanced planning and moderation will prevent many recreational accidents.

Major causes of POV accidents are speed, fatigue, alcohol and attitude. Involved leadership and good risk management are key to preventing off-duty accidents.

Alcohol and driving are a deadly combination. Stress the need for soldiers not to drink alcoholic beverages and drive. Discourage soldiers from driving long distances after a full day of work, as the risk of fatigue-related accidents is greatly increased. Safety belt and child restraint use is essential for all, as they provide the final means to prevent fatal injuries.

The 4th of July is for celebrating the birth of our country, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and should not be marred by tragic, senseless accidents. Let's work hard to make this an enjoyable, safe holiday.