Marine Corps Safety
“Safety First, Safety Always”

Safety is integral to everything we do on Okinawa: on and off-duty, on and off-base.
• Keeping Marines safe means we stay ready to accomplish the mission of the alliance
• Keeping our community safe keeps a strong, supportive environment of mutual trust, which enables mission accomplishment
• Safety is not sacrificed for expediency or convenience in any situation
• Every Marine is expected to identify hazards and take actions to correct them
• Operations, exercises, tasks and liberty events are reviewed for safety considerations
• We aggressively implement lessons learned when unsafe conditions are identified

Ground Operations Safety
• Marine drivers attend specific road safety courses with Okinawa-specific information and training
• All motorized equipment is checked regularly, prior to use and after each mission to ensure safety
• Incidents and accidents are investigated thoroughly; results are integrated into new safety practices
• Specific community-minded regulations govern driving military vehicles off-base
  - Expressway use restrictions
  - Time of day restrictions
  - Restrictions on culturally sensitive events and dates

Air Operations Safety
• All pilots, aircrew, and maintainers receive daily, monthly, quarterly and yearly safety training and reviews
• All aircraft are inspected for safety regularly, prior to flight operations and after each mission
• Aviation incidents are investigated thoroughly; results are integrated into new safety practices
• Specific community-minded regulations govern flight times and operations over populated areas
  - Weekend restrictions
  - Time of day restrictions
  - Restrictions on culturally sensitive events and dates

Off-Duty Safety
• Comprehensive safety rules are in place that govern off-base activities
• Marines receive safety education
  8 local culture brief prior to liberty
• Marines who drive vehicles in Okinawa attend safe driving course
• Okinawa Prefectural Police provide driver safety education
• Traffic violators are punished
• Off base violations are handled under the Japanese legal system
• Biannual training periods with safety experts refresh safety habits
• Specific rules govern liberty
  - Liberty expiration times
  - Listing of off-limits locations

Safety training is continuous
• Every Marine learns safety first and safety best practices as part of entry-level training
• All Marines are required to attend annual safety refresher training
• All Marines receive comprehensive safety training focusing on seasonal activities
• All Marines are required to obtain specific types of safety training based on their job

Marine Corps Key Safety Programs:
- Aeromedical Safety
- Aviation Safety
- Compressed Gas Safety
- Electromagnetic Safety
- Emergency Services
- Explosive and Munitions Safety
- Ground Safety
- Hazmat Safety
- Hearing Conservation
- Heat Injury Prevention
- Fire Protection
- Laser Safety
- Off Duty Safety
- Operational Risk Management
- Range Safety
- Tactical Safety
- Civilian Safety Specialists

Our most valuable assets are our individual Marines – we do our utmost to protect them.
Our most valuable relationships are with our community neighbors – we do our utmost to keep our community safe.