



COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT



Marine Barracks, Washington D. C. is the premier ceremonial unit of the Marine Corps. We represent current and past generations of Marines, and personify Marine traits such as professionalism, esprit de corps, and teamwork – all of which maintain the American people's support and affection for our Corps. We also are the “oldest post of the Corps” and a registered National Historic Landmark.

An integral part of our mission is the protection and preservation of our people, equipment, environment, and historic assets. *As such, every Barracks Marine, Sailor and Civilian – regardless of rank or position – is a safety and environmental officer. Every member is responsible for identifying and mitigating risks in our daily activities and executing personal and unit actions in a safe and sound manner that complies with all laws, regulations, and policies.* We commit to the following actions:

Environmental

- Comply with all environmental laws, regulations, and policies.
- Continue environmental policy awareness efforts to build our personnel's knowledge on the importance of environmental compliance and protection.
- Maintain a cooperative and proactive partnership with the local community and regulatory agencies to enhance our stewardship of the environment.
- Commit to continuous and sustained Environmental Management System improvements to perpetuate a high level of compliance and conformance.
- Maintain pollution prevention initiatives.
- Maintain waste minimization projects and programs.
- Review & evaluate projects and programs for potential environmental impacts in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Review & evaluate projects and programs for potential cultural resource impacts IAW the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).

Safety

- Read and adhere to safety policies and standards, per MCO 5100.29B.
- Develop our ability to identify hazards, assess and mitigate risks, make safe and sound decisions, and debrief actions in garrison, the field, and off duty.
- Always ask, what risks are associated with this, and what have we done to reduce those risks?
- Focus safety training on increasing understanding of our individual and collective capabilities and limitations.
- Balance tough training and responsible actions. Stay disciplined and set the example in how we approach routine tasks.
- Become experts in the safe operation of our weapon, equipment, and vehicles.
- Prior to conducting high-risk activities on and off duty, validate proper training, personal protective equipment (PPE), and certifications; and mentally rehearse safety actions.

Every member of Marine Barracks Washington is an invaluable member of the team. We owe it to ourselves and to each other to be vigilant in identifying and mitigating risks to our people and equipment, and protecting our historic assets and environmental resources, with the same faithfulness that has been the hallmark of the United States Marine Corps since 1775. We minimize the danger to ourselves and our community through a keen sense of situational awareness, personal responsibility, and the moral courage to speak up when something is wrong. Doing so can save a life and protect resources vital to our mission and Nation.

Look out for each other. Take care of each other. Make a difference.

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