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**MEMORANDUM FOR**

**Commanders, MEDCOM Major Subordinate Commands**  
**Directors, OTSG/MEDCOM OneStaff**

**SUBJECT: 2016 National Safety Month**

1. June is National Safety Month (NSM). The National Safety Council (NSC) selects weekly themes for use by organizations. As in years past, the US Army Medical Command will participate in the campaign to minimize risk, prevent accidents and eliminate fatalities.
2. This year's NSC theme is "Safe for Life." Whether newly-licensed teenagers driving, finding alternatives to prescription painkillers in middle-age, or fall-proofing the bathroom for an older adult, we're all empowered to make safe decisions for ourselves and those we care about. This relates directly to MEDCOM's approach to creating a culture of safety in our work and personal lives. The NSC campaign coincides with the Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center's "Ready...or Not" campaign. The following themes have been identified for emphasis by NSC during the month of June:
  - **Week 1: Stand Ready to Respond**
  - **Week 2: Be Healthy**
  - **Week 3: Watch Out for Dangers**
  - **Week 4: Share Roads Safely**
  - **Bonus week: Summer Safety**
3. As summer approaches, CSM Ecker and I would like you to be extra vigilant, report all hazards, and continue to stand ready to prevent accidents. Take every reasonable step to ensure that you and your teammates are safe in everything you do. Every one of you is vital to our MEDCOM, and our mission will suffer without you. Posters and tip sheets on NSM and the Army's "Ready...or Not" campaign are available from the NSC ([www.nsc.org/nsm](http://www.nsc.org/nsm)) and the Army's Combat Readiness/Safety Center websites (<https://safety.army.mil>).
4. Have fun, be safe and continue to do your part to protect our MEDCOM Family.

Dignity and Respect!

  
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