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**SUBJECT: Memorial Day Holiday Safety**

1. Memorial Day is a time of reflection, to remember the sacrifices of those who have come before us and those who have served with us in service to this great Nation. This Memorial Day, we honor and extend our gratitude to those who gave their full and final measure and thank our Soldiers for their service.
2. The holiday weekend signals the beginning of summer, traditionally the most hazardous season with notable increases in off-duty fatal accidents. The MEDCOM is beginning the summer with no off-duty privately-owned vehicle (POV) or privately-owned motorcycle (POM) fatalities this fiscal year; proof that engagement on all fronts of our fight against preventable accidents saves lives. We can continue this historic precedent this summer by staying engaged and keeping risk management at the forefront of all we do.
3. The annual Army Summer Safety Campaign is underway. This year's campaign, "Know the Signs," provides Soldiers, Civilians, and their Families with helpful information for ensuring safe summer activities. As the Memorial Day weekend approaches, I challenge each of you to use composite risk management and safety tools to maintain safety awareness and minimize risk. We must not only protect our combat power, but the lives of our MEDCOM Family. This year's Safe Summer campaign offers products and information on a wide variety of off-duty topics from boating to climbing safety. Visit <https://safety.army.mil/> and click on the "Know the Signs" logo to access these products and bolster your summer safety fun.
4. My sincerest thanks to each Soldier, Civilian, and Contractor for what you do each and every day for the Army Family. I am proud to serve alongside you. Play hard, but remember to always play it safe. Army Safe is Army Strong.

Serving to Heal... Honored to Serve!

  
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The Surgeon General and  
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