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MEMORANDUM FOR

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

**SUBJECT: Labor Day Safety Message**

1. Labor Day is dedicated to recognizing and honoring our Nation's workforce and also marks the traditional end of the summer season and a well-deserved holiday weekend. I salute the MEDCOM workforce for your service to our Nation; your dedicated service strengthens the AMEDD and enables Army readiness.
2. As we enter the remaining month of this fiscal year, I would like to congratulate the Command on our 100% reduction in reported fatalities due to accidents. This truly is a remarkable feat and shows dedicated leader and employee engagement across the command. I challenge Leaders to stay engaged and use all available resources to increase safety awareness and educate our Soldiers and Civilians on the application of risk management in their off-duty activities.
3. Leaders, please use the tools available in the Army's Know the Signs Summer Safety Campaign to enhance your safety programs. Access the tool-box at the Combat Readiness/Safety Center website and click-on the Know the Signs logo at <https://safety.army.mil>. All Soldiers are reminded to have their vehicles inspected and use the automated risk assessment (TRiPS), if you plan to take leave, pass, TDY, or PCS. Additionally, I want all Leaders to emphasize sexual assault risks, prevention, and response in their holiday safety briefings; guidance is available at <http://www.armymedicine.army.mil/medcom/sharp.html>. My goal is to provide a safe and healthful environment for all Soldiers, Civilians, Family Members, visitors, and contractors across our Command.
4. I encourage Soldiers, Civilians and Family Members to fully enjoy this historic holiday. I challenge each of you to place safety at the top of your holiday plans and make the "right" decision in whatever you do. Have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend. Army Safe is Army Strong.

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