

# H O L I D A Y S A F E T Y

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21st Theater Support Command

President's Day Safety



1. We will celebrate President's Day on Monday, 16 February 2004, in conjunction with a training holiday on Friday, 13 February 2004. Off-duty vehicle accidents, drinking and driving, suicide, and domestic violence are my main concerns for this holiday weekend.
2. However, with continued high OPTEMPO due to deployment and redeployment operations, I am also concerned about the risk related to the massive movement of soldiers and equipment, especially associated with rail and convoy operations.
3. As leaders, we must do everything we can to prevent accidental loss of our most precious resources, the lives of our soldiers and civilians. Let us lead by example and demonstrate good risk management practices. Remember, our goal is no loss of life. Remind all personnel that defensive driving is key in the prevention of vehicle accidents. Defensive driving means expecting the unexpected – to include others' errors.
4. Brief all personnel on safe, defensive driving and remind them to buckle-up. Use risk management to get your mission accomplished in a safe manner. My Command Safety Office has posted safety topic briefing slides on the [command safety website](#) for your use.
5. Enjoy a nice and safe President's Day weekend.

  
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