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SUBJECT: Spring/Summer Safety Message

1. As Soldiers, Army Civilians, and Families say goodbye to fall and hello to warmer days, we must be mindful of problems that can ruin our spring and summer, such as heat related injuries, sports injuries, fatigue and traffic accidents.
2. This spring/summer season it is incumbent upon leaders at all levels to ensure all USARCENT personnel are equipped to make smart decisions and incorporate Risk Management in their daily activities to reduce the likelihood of accidents.
3. USARCENT deployed Soldiers and Civilians must be mindful during the transition from winter to spring and summer the rising temperatures can pose a significant risk for heat injuries. Additionally, fatigue is another persistent risk, oftentimes linked to warmer weather where personnel conducting work and leisure activities outdoors are increasingly susceptible to its effects. Leaders must implement and monitor proper work/rest cycles and effective rest plans.
4. Vehicle operators must remain alert at all times, adjusting speeds to take into account changes in weather, road surface, and operational conditions. Privately owned vehicles (POV) and motorcycle accidents continue to be the leading cause of accidents and fatalities throughout the year. The Army Traffic Safety Training Program courses are available at all Army installations and tools such as the Commander's POV Toolbox and Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS) are available on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center website located at <https://safety.army.mil>.
5. The CSM and I remain committed to maintaining a proactive safety posture. It is our hope that as a team we can effectively manage and mitigate risks throughout our force and keep all personnel safe. Thank you for your continued selfless commitment to our Nation and the USARCENT Team.

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