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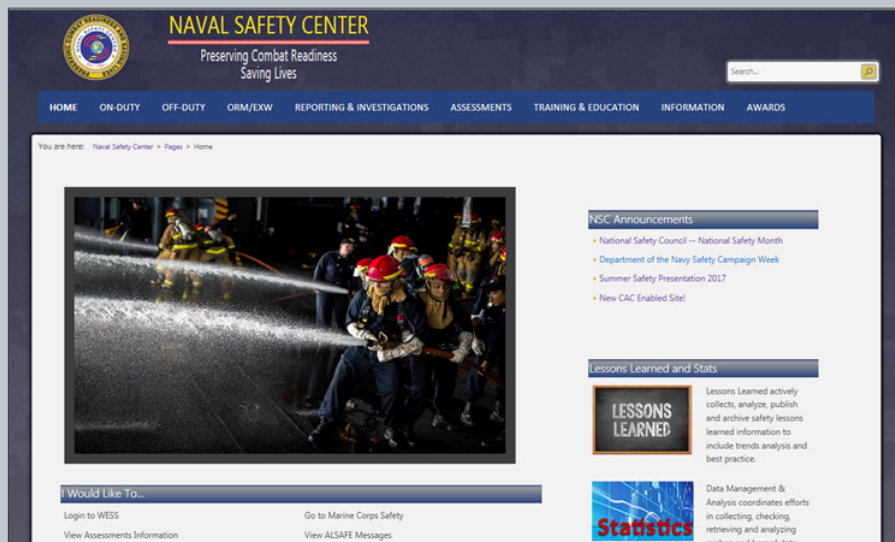


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## Safety Center CAC-enabled Web Portal Now Online

The new SharePoint web portal is now online and requires a common-access card (CAC) to navigate. The CAC-enabled site, available at <https://intelshare.intelink.gov/sites/navsafe>, provides a secure platform where safety professionals can find information about the safety community. Naval Safety Center visitors can browse and download fleet-centric information for aviation, afloat, shore, occupational safety and health, expeditionary warfare, statistics, acquisition safety, and operational risk management.



The current site has transitioned into a public-access website providing basic command information including mission, leadership, multimedia products, public affairs, news items, event announcements, and other public information. Limited information about the Naval Safety and Environmental Training Center and the Naval School of Aviation Safety will remain on the public site; however, the majority of its fleet-centric material has been migrated to the CAC-enabled site.

Visitors will continue to see the current navigation map for a little while, but the public site will eventually display basic command information only. The improved CAC-protected site will require users to establish an account when accessing for the first time. Download the [Naval Safety Center CAC Access User Guide](#) for creating an account or for accessing the new CAC-enabled site.

Visit <http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafecen> to view additional information and be up to date on enhancements as they occur. Follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NavalSafetyCenter/> for additional updates and news.



## New Safety Commander

On July 31, Rear Adm. Scott Dillon assumed command of the Naval Safety Center as the 55th commander of the Norfolk-based organization. Before this assignment, Dillon served as vice commander for Naval Air Systems Command.

Aside from being a naval aviator by training, Dillon also brings to the organization a strong background in acquisition and program management. These skills and experiences will enable him to look for improvements in safety processes, now and in the future.

Upon assuming command, the Admiral has been engaged with NAVSAFECEN subject-matter experts and safety analysts, as well as with fleet and regional leaders. He has had the opportunity to hear about strategies for combating the threat to our warfighting capabilities: **preventable mishaps**.

The Admiral, along with the Safety Center analysts and fleet stakeholders, will focus on key initiatives: using technology to better access and collect data, benchmarking industry-proven strategies to analyze data, deep diving into NAVSAFECEN data to identify causal factors, and disseminating lessons learned to targeted fleet customers.

He looks to the subject-matter experts at the command to operationalize a flexible safety management system that will reach and affect a predictive tracking of all classes of mishaps.

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## Planning a Trip this Fall?

It's that time of year when the weather cools off and the fall foliage compels you to go on a road trip. This season is also the precursor to holiday travels and winter vacations. While you're on the planning mode, don't forget to use the Travel Risk Planning System (TRiPS) tool – it is a critical part of your command checklist. Be aware of driving risks and take appropriate action.



Use TRiPS ►

The online assessment will guide you through filling out your TRiPS worksheet step by step. It will assist you in calculating your travel route times and distances, it will provide you the risks associated with your trip, and it will automatically format your TRiPS assessment into a PDF and send it to whatever email address you specify. *Please note: Internet Explorer browsers must be version 9 or greater to use the online assessment TRiPS program. Older browser versions are not supported.*

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## Hot Topics and Trends

### Updated Navy Fall Protection Guide

The most recent update to the Department of the Navy Fall Protection Guide dated July 2017 provides new criteria, requirements and best practices for developing and managing fall protection programs in order to heighten awareness and protect all DON personnel exposed to fall hazards in the workplace.

The updates were made in accordance with requirements prescribed in the Navy Safety and Occupational Health Program Manual (OPNAVINST 5100.23) for developing and managing fall protection programs. The guide also includes the latest criteria and requirements prescribed in the Occupational Safety and Health Standards (29 CFR 1910, Final Rule) dated 17 November 2016, and American National Standards Institute Fall Protection Code and Standards (ANSI Z359). While designed to supplement United States Navy policy, the content reflects a collaborative effort of experts in the field of fall protection from DON and other branches of military service.

This guide applies to all Navy and Marine Corps activities where there is a need for developing and implementing a fall protection program to ensure the safety of all personnel (military and DON civilians) worldwide.

Falls from heights are a leading cause of work-related injuries and fatalities. They are the leading cause in construction and the second most common cause in general industry injuries and fatalities. The Department of the Navy continues to experience serious fall-related mishaps, which lead to reduced readiness and productivity, as well as high medical and compensation costs resulting from these mishaps and suffering to victims and their families.

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), there were 793 fatalities due to slips, trips and falls in 2014, accounting for approximately 17 percent of total work fatalities. Falls to lower level totaled 647 fatalities and falls on the same level accounted for 129 fatalities. In the United States, three to four fatalities from falls occur each working day. Furthermore, thousands of workers suffer injuries due to falls with lost time from work. Half of fall fatalities occurred in the construction industry.

In the Department of the Navy there were six fall fatalities between 2009 and 2014. Between 2005 and 2014 there were 235 Department of the Navy personnel who experienced falls while working on aircraft and sustained injury. Falls represented 19 percent of Marine Corps aviation maintainer injuries and 17 percent of Navy aviation maintainer injuries.

BLS data shows that fall fatalities from roofs are the most common, followed by falls from ladders, scaffolds, staging, and other surfaces. Aside from tragic loss of life and suffering to victims and their families, workers are very expensive to train to perform work efficiently. On the average, a single fall fatality costs approximately \$800,000 to \$2,400,000 (in 2014 dollars, from the latest data available). The average cost of a single injury due to a fall is over \$30,000. Additionally, exposure to fall hazards is the most cited violation by Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Please direct inquiries or comments about the guide to Mr. Basil Tominna, DON Fall Protection Working Group Chairman, at [basil.tominna@navy.mil](mailto:basil.tominna@navy.mil).

### What would you do in case of a disaster? Get your emergency preparedness and response kit ready.



The Ready Navy website offers information and resources to help you prepare for emergencies. For more information, please call (202) 433-9348, DSN 288-9348 or email [readynavy@navy.mil](mailto:readynavy@navy.mil).

### MSR Training and Resource Kit

As part of the motorcycle mishap reduction initiative, the Naval Safety Center (NAVSAFECEN) will be providing training instruction to motorcycle safety representatives (MSRs) in the Navy. This training is designed to enhance program effectiveness by providing the basics of a proper program, procedures to follow, and best practices to better equip MSRs with managing their program. The Navy Traffic Safety Program Instruction (OPNAVINST 5100.12J), requires all Navy commands to have an MSR.



Training classes will be held in fleet concentration areas in the coming months. The first round of training was held in September at Naval Station Norfolk, with sessions spanning two days.

Additional training will be scheduled for San Diego, California (Oct. 24); Bangor, Washington (Oct. 26); Pearl Harbor, Hawaii (Oct. 30); and Jacksonville, Florida (Nov. 2). MSRs that are near these areas should sign up for classes when they become available. Registration is required via Enterprise Safety Applications Management System (ESAMS). If unable to register via ESAMS or for questions, contact the NAVSAFECEN Traffic Division at (757) 444-3520, ext. 7822 or email: [michael.borkowski@navy.mil](mailto:michael.borkowski@navy.mil).

This is not a motorcycle training course; therefore, motorcycles are not required. To ensure you have the most up-to-date MSR resources, a DVD Resource Kit will be available to attendees.

**Reference:** *ALSAFE 17/013, Sept. 20, 2017, "Motorcycle Safety Representative (MSR) Training"*

### Safety Magazines Returning to Print

After six months of publishing our safety magazines in digital format, NAVSAFECEN will resume printing hard copies of Approach, Mech and Sea& Shore. Visit our online magazine website at <http://safety.navylive.dodlive.mil> for announcements and updates.

We will continue to send hard copies to our current subscribers; however, only in limited quantities. As we consider cost-saving measures, we ask our subscribers to regularly update their mailing lists with us to avoid undeliverable or returned mail due to expired FPO addresses (the majority of returns).

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