



DLA Distribution Commander's January Safety Message



Each year, the third Monday of January is observed as a national holiday celebrating the birth and life of Dr. Martin Luther King. During this period, as we pay respect to Dr. King, I encourage all of our military and civilian personnel to take advantage of this extended weekend to relax and enjoy some quality time with friends and family. With this in mind, I ask each of you to maintain awareness of your surroundings and be safe and considerate of others.

We've seen many changes in our weather patterns. If you travel, monitor weather conditions and heed weather warnings. Remember to inform someone of your travel plans. Dress appropriately for the weather and take emergency supplies (food, water, blankets) with you to be prepared for an overnight stay along the way. Stay alert, maintain a safe driving speed and be prepared to react to an emergency situation. Avoid drinking and driving, and if you do drink, have a designated driver or use alternate means of transportation. Don't forget to BUCKLE UP and secure children in an appropriate child safety seat. Remember, in the event of an accident, your seatbelt is your primary defense.

If your plans take you to our nation's capital, be mindful of the Presidential Inauguration and the week-long activities. Do your homework, know the changes in traffic routes and have a plan in place.

Where our organizations are experiencing winter weather and plans include outdoor sports, I urge you to use areas that are designated for the activity. Stay within designated boundaries, follow trail markers and heed information warning signs. Let someone know when and where you are going and your estimated time of return. Always travel in pairs, especially in remote "backcountry" areas, and maintain visual contact with small children and brief them on appropriate actions.

Mr. Budden and I truly appreciate the hard work and dedication of our employees around the globe and we thank you for everything you do to provide Global Distribution Excellence!

Please be safe and enjoy the long weekend.

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