



U.S. ARMY



Local Hazards Brief

Fort Benning

Traffic Safety Training Program

References

- ATP 5-19 Risk Management
- AR 385-10
- MCoE Reg 210-5 Garrison Regulation
- Military Police: MCoE Reg 190-11 Physical Security of Privately Owned Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives

Definitions

- ***Disciplined*** – Fully trained, counseled and mentored – directly involved with leadership. Operates vehicles in a safe manner and within the limits of regulations, training and guidance
- ***Undisciplined*** – Untrained Soldier who has not received counseling or mentorship – not directly involved with leadership. May operate a vehicle in a safe or unsafe manner. The Soldier has no idea of the regulations and guidance surrounding safe operating practices in the Army.
- ***Indisciplined*** – Fully trained, counseled and mentored – directly involved with leadership **BUT** operates a vehicle in an unsafe manner and disregards requirements often resulting in mishaps or fatalities.

Driving Requirements

- It is the responsibility of each disciplined Soldier to ensure their personal vehicle is operated in a safe manner within the guidelines of state and local laws, as well as, Army regulations.
- Seat belts must be worn at all times while in a vehicle on or off a DOD installation.
- Car seats and booster seats must be utilized as required by state laws and post regulations
- Driving under the influence of alcohol is punishable under the UCMJ.
- Legal limit is .07 and below BAC.

Local Area Driving

- Local laws stipulate a driver is impaired with a BAC of .08.
- Requirements for the use of car seats and booster seats (Check your local State Law at DMV.org)
- Most common driving offenses are speeding, DUI/DWI, and no seatbelts.



Motorcycles and PPE Requirements

- Must attend the Basic Rider Course prior to riding any motorcycle.
- Must attend follow-on training as required.
- The following must be worn at all times when **on or off post** regardless of state laws.
 - Department of Transportation (DOT) certified helmet
 - Impact or shatter resistant goggles or properly attached full face shield
 - Sturdy over-the-ankle footwear
 - Long sleeved shirt or jacket
 - Long trousers
 - Full fingered gloves or mittens made of leather or abrasion resistant material
 - Encouraged to select PPE constructed of abrasion-resistant materials containing impact-absorbing padding incorporating bright colors and retro-reflective materials



Cell Phones Use

- Cell phones – Vehicle operators on DoD installations and operators of Government-owned vehicles shall not use cellular phones unless the vehicle is safely parked, or they are using a hands-free device.
- Texting – Texting on any device is also forbidden while driving on any installation or while operating a Government owned vehicle. Pull over and park, or wait until you arrive at your destination to text.
Texting and driving can be as dangerous as drinking and driving.
- Other listening devices – Wearing portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices (except for hands-free cellular phones) while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited.



Cell phones and Texting - Local

Alabama

- Novice drivers in Alabama - drivers aged 16 or 17 with an intermediate license less than 6 months – are banned from using cell-phones (both handheld and hands-free) and, all drivers are banned from texting.

Georgia

- There is no handheld cell phone prohibition for drivers. Novice drivers in Georgia - drivers younger than 18 – are prohibited from all cell phone use (handheld and hands-free) while driving. All drivers are banned from texting while driving.



Local Driving Hazards

- Hazardous intersections (heavy traffic on I-185 and Victory Drive throughout the day)
- Intersection HWY 80 and HWY 280 in Phenix City
- Local speed limits are 55 or 65 mph highway
- Weather conditions (hot, cold, and rain)



Local Off Duty Hazards

- Various activities off duty involve motorized vehicles and the hazards need to be recognized.
 - Boats/Personal Watercraft
 - Motorcycles
 - Off-Road/ATV
 - Hazards range from no PPE, DUI/DWI, speed, fatigue, and no training.

