



COMMANDER'S CALL TOPICS

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8-12 May 2017

Priority Topic

of the
Week

8—12 May

Fall Prevention:

Work Area and Home Safety

- Every year the Air Force loses thousands of work days because of falling incidents.
- Between 2012-16, Air Force personnel were involved in almost 3,500 non-sports related falls, resulting in 13 fatalities and 42,000 lost work days...and that is only what is reported through the safety channels.
- To get these numbers down, commanders are encouraged to conduct activities which raise awareness of fall prevention at work and home...all year round.
- Understanding risk management and using common sense also can bring these numbers down drastically as most falls from heights result from:
 - ◊ Non-compliance with safety instructions
 - ◊ Inadequate training
 - ◊ Lack of situational awareness.
- Supervisors are responsible for ensuring Airmen are trained in accordance with AFI 91-203, *Air Force Consolidated Safety Instruction*.
- When possible, the Safety Center recommends conducting a unit safety stand down to evaluate potential risks in the work areas.
- These Stand-Downs are designed to be reasonably quick, informal open discussions regarding fall prevention and concerns.
- Every Airman, leader and supervisor must:
 - ◊ Ensure their workforce is aware of all mishap prevention requirements
 - ◊ Have the proper equipment to prevent falls
 - ◊ Know how to use the equipment properly
 - ◊ Know how to report any incidents.
- For Fall Prevention activities and information about conducting a safety stand-down, see ([AFSC](#))

Personnel Topics of Interest

- Changes to joint matters and joint tour credit ([AFPC](#))
- 100th Air Force Uniform Board meets to discuss Airmen's suggestions ([AFPC](#))
- Total force development services now in a single-point center ([AF.MIL](#))

Other Topics of Interest

- Air Force releases annual sexual assault report ([AF.MIL](#))
- Deadline to sign up to 'Hack the Air Force' is 15 May ([AF.MIL](#))
- Base access introduced for Gold Star families ([AF.MIL](#))
- Scholarships available to Air Force club members and families ([AF.MIL](#))

May Observances

- Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Talking Points ([SAF/PA](#))
- Nurse and Medical Technician Week Information ([SAF/PA](#))

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- 1) 1-2 sentence synopsis of the issue
- 2) hyperlink to further details
- 3) a POC name and contact information.

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