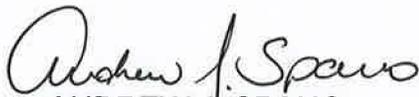




7 October 2015

## Columbus Day Holiday Safety Message

1. This weekend brings the observance of Columbus Day and a long holiday weekend for many of our Soldiers, Families, and Civilian employees. We have been training hard for the past few months and we are going to take a well-deserved break. As we take this break, we must always keep safety as a primary consideration in everything we do during the long holiday weekend.
2. Drivers, whether riding on two or four wheels, should get plenty of rest prior to travel, and minimize travel in darkness. If you walk or ride a bicycle or motorcycle after dark, wear reflective clothing to alert others of your presence and give drivers more time to react. Commanders will ensure Soldiers use the Travel Risk Planning System (TRIPS) at <https://safety.army.mil> to access information on travel risk mitigation.
3. If you plan to consume alcohol as part of your weekend activities, please do so responsibly. Know your limits and respect the fact that alcohol impairs your ability to think and will lead to disastrous results. We must continuously apply the Risk Management process to all aspects of our holiday activities. Ensure you and your Soldiers "**Think Twice**" and celebrate responsibly.
4. As you enjoy your holiday, please remember the men and women of all branches of the military, who are serving our country in locations all around the world. Safety must always be a top priority, because every Soldier, Civilian Employee and Family Member is a precious resource. We cannot do our mission without everyone working together as a team. We must all set the example by looking out for our "battle buddies," whether they are friends, family or colleagues, and making sure they stay safe.
5. Warriors, thank you for all that you do here in the Republic of Korea. Your efforts continue to make you and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division truly - **Second to None!**



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