Civil Air Patrol Safety

Basic Risk Management
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Training Objectives

- Be Able to Explain Risk Management
- Understand Risk Management in CAP
- Apply Risk Management in Everything You Do
- Be able to locate RM tools and training on gocivilairpatrol.com
“The goal of the CAP Safety Program is for each and every member of Civil Air Patrol, as well as the organization itself, to embrace and practice RM as a core competency of Civil Air Patrol.”

CAPR 160-1, CAP Safety Program
Risk Management in CAP

Risk Management is the core of our CAP Safety Management System
Risk Management in CAP

This training will explain those steps in easy-to-understand terms so everyone can understand how RM works in CAP and in their daily lives.
Step 1 - Identify Hazards

- Look around
  - What can cause harm?
  - What can hurt you?
- Possible Hazards
  - Rugged Terrain? Hot Weather?
  - Slippery Floors? Sharp objects?
- Anything that “worries” you might be a hazard ... take the time to look around
- What can go wrong with the plan?
  - A “bad plan” can be a hazard
Step 2 - Assess Risk

- **How likely** is it that hazard will hurt you?
  - The “probability”
  - A good chance, or a very remote chance?
- **How badly** could that hazard hurt you?
  - The “severity”
  - How bad could the damage be?
  - How serious of an injury could it cause?
- The Risk is **High** if...
  - The risk is *likely* to happen
  - or
  - *Serious* injury or damage could occur
Step 3 - Risk Controls

- What’s a Risk Control?
  - It is anything you can do, or change, that will reduce the risk
    - Reduce the *probability* of it happening, or
    - Reduce the *severity* of the damage

- Remove the Hazard?
  - Train people how to properly do the task?
  - Provide protection (gloves, helmets, glasses)
  - Work slower, use a spotter/wingman

- Figure out which risk controls will work best
  - Make those controls part of your plan
Step 4 - Implement Controls

- Make risk controls part of your plan
- Perform your task or mission using risk controls

- Original plan?
  - Cross the street
- Better plan with Risk Controls
  - Cross the street,
  - At the crosswalk,
  - When the light is green,
  - After looking both ways for traffic

- Make risk controls part of your plan!
Step 5 - Supervise & Evaluate

- Are your risk controls working?
  - Plans can change. New hazards can appear.
    - Is it going according to plan?
  - It is common to need new risk controls
    - Decide on new risk controls, or...
    - Adjust the risk controls you planned

Risk Management continues through the entire activity!
Risk Management - The “Loop”

- RM is a continuous process!

- You must continuously ...
  - Look for new or changing hazards
  - Assess the changing risks
  - Decide on new or improved controls
  - Change the plan to include new controls
  - Keep evaluating how they’re working

  Continuously!
It’s important that ALL CAP members understand the same language of risk management.

So...

Let’s do quick review of the terms and the definitions...
RM Review

• “Hazards”
  • Things that can “hurt” you
  • Things that can cause damage

• “Risks”
  • How likely is that damage or injury?
  • How serious could it be?

• “Controls”
  • Things you can do to reduce risk
RM Review

• “Risk Controls”
  • What can you do to reduce the risk?
  • Make those “controls” part of the plan

• “Supervise…"
  • Are members following the plan?
  • Are we using the risk controls we chose?

• … and Evaluate”
  • Are the controls working like we planned?
  • Do we need to improve the controls?
The “Risk Assessment”

- Starting the risk management
  - Performed before any task, activity, event, mission, etc.

- The first 3 steps of the risk management loop
  - Identify Hazards
  - Assess Risks
  - Develop Controls and Make Decisions

- Needs to be done for all activities in CAP!
  - Everyone needs to know the hazards, the risks, and the plan
CAPR 160-1, CAP Safety Program
Explains when a formal risk assessment is required
Explains when a CAPF 160 is needed

CAPF 160 used for major activities like encampments, NCSAs, etc.
CAPF 160S is for smaller activities and as a guide for everyday RM

Go to Safety page of gocivilairpatrol.com, or look at “Intermediate Risk Management” for more information on Risk Assessments
Real Time Risk Management

• Before EVERY Activity!
  • Unit meeting?
  • PT? Drill Practice?? Moving the ???
  • YES!!!!

• It’s EASY!
  • Gather together
  • Talk about the hazards and risks
  • How do we reduce the risk?
  • Team effort; everyone on the same page?
  • Get started, and follow the plan!
“Knock it off!”

• See something unsafe?
  • See a risk you didn’t anticipate?
  • Need to warn someone!?

• Yell ... “KNOCK IT OFF!!”

• Anyone can scream it. Everyone repeat it.
• EVERYONE stops what they’re doing.
• Warn others about the hazard!

The “knock it off” call is a time honored tradition in the Air Force, used in combat and day-to-day missions. Everyone respects it, and everyone knows what it means!
The “Huddle”

The “get together” after the “knock it off”

• Gather everyone together
• Talk about what went wrong?
• Is there a new risk we didn’t see?
  • Is the original risk worse than we thought?
• Decide on new controls?
  • What’s the new plan?

IMPORTANT NOTE: You may find that the risk is just too great. Maybe the weather got worse, the task got harder, or your members got hot and tired. If the risk is too great, then cancelling is the “ultimate” risk control.
Everyday Risk Management

• CAP is committed to using risk management in the planning and execution of every mission and activity

• Members are CAP’s greatest resource

• Every CAP member should actively use risk management in their CAP activities and in their daily lives

• Every Member. Every Day. Every Activity. Every Mission.
Everyday Risk Management

It’s Easy!
Take the time to use a couple quick memory aids before every task, and YOU will be practicing risk management!

• “What’s the worst that can happen?”
  • “What am I doing to prevent that?”

• “My goal is to finish this mission...
  “... to run this obstacle course ...
  “... to move this airplane ...
  “... to park this vehicle ...”

“... WITHOUT GETTING HURT”

Official CAP Safety Education
By now you should be able to:

- List and explain the 5 steps of risk management
- Practice risk management as a member of a CAP team
- Practice everyday risk management in your day-to-day life

For more information on risk management, refer to the following:

- CAPR 160-1, *CAP Safety Program*
- Safety pages of gocivilairpatrol.com website
- Intermediate Risk Management training module
- CAPF 160 and CAPF 160S
Questions?

We need your help!
If you have any questions or suggestions about any CAP Safety Education, please contact us at safety@capnhq.gov

Thanks!