

VANCE AFB

Commander's Safety Views



71st Flying Training Wing Safety Philosophy

1. Everyone at Vance is essential to our mission. While we each play different roles, safety is a responsibility that we all share. To maximize our mission effectiveness, we must strive to incorporate risk management (RM) principles into our daily routines both on and off duty.

2. When making decisions, remember the four principles of RM:



Colonel Darrell F. Judy
Commander

- a. **Accept no unnecessary risk.** There is an element of risk in everything we do. However, some tasks may include risk that is too high to accept. Risk becomes unacceptable when its potential cost outweighs the benefits of the task.
- b. **Make risk decisions at the appropriate level.** The greater the risk involved, the higher the level of review is required. If you question whether the task can be accomplished safely given the resources available, notify your supervisor to help mitigate the risk and identify the optimum course of action.
- c. **Integrate risk management into operations, activities and planning at all levels.** To enhance mission effectiveness and protect our people who make it happen, I count on you to dedicate time and resources to integrate RM principles into your planning, processes and daily activities.
- d. **Apply the process cyclically and continuously.** Risk management is not a single event. It is an ongoing process in an ever-changing environment whereby we continuously apply RM principles to re-evaluate the risks we face. As risks change or new risks emerge, we review, and possibly alter, our decisions to accept, avoid, or mitigate those risks.

3. I ask each of you to continue your efforts towards maintaining a safe working environment. Job standards, shop meetings, incentives and awards, proper training, and timely notification of mishaps are just some of the tools available to help manage risk in the workplace. Furthermore, remember that safety does not stop when you leave the work place. Take these principles home with you and teach your families and friends how to incorporate RM into their daily activities such as working around the house or playing sports. Create a culture of safety that is part of your daily life. Doing so will help safeguard yourself and your loved ones, preserve valuable resources, and help ensure you remain an effective member of Team Vance.

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