

# Safety Guidelines

1. Safety is the highest priority for everyone in CAP. This policy is intended to ensure that we all act in a safe manner while participating in CAP activities. There will be no tolerance of anyone acting in an unsafe or careless manner.
  - Anyone can call a “Safety Break.” This includes senior members or cadets, all are to be treated the same no matter what their rank or position. It is your duty to call a “Safety Break” if you believe that an unsafe act is about to occur. The “Safety Break” stops the action. Discuss the action and either find a safe way of operating or stop the action until a safe way of completing it can be found. Remember to follow the chain of command.
  - Everyone is responsible for their own safety and for the safety of everyone around them. Share lessons learned, set the example and think before you act.
  - Everyone must be willing to speak up and challenge the actions of others if unsafe practices are apparent. Safety is first.
  - Published regulations must be strictly adhered to and when specific guidelines are absent, use mature and professional judgment.
  - No equipment should be operated by anyone that does not have a good working knowledge of how to use it and the safety requirements that must be used in its operation.
  - While participating in CAP activities appropriate clothing and protective equipment for that activity is required. No cadet will participate in physical activity that is not properly equipped.
  - When providing first aid always use a protective barrier such as latex or vinyl gloves. It is now required that there is NO CONTACT with a victim who has any exposed body fluids, even while wearing protective gear.
  - Always use the buddy system.
  - At the conclusion of the meeting do not exit the meeting location until your ride is there.
2. Accidents
  - Any accident, involving individuals or CAP property, regardless of severity must be reported immediately to the squadron commander. A Mishap Report (Form 78) will be filed within 48 hours.