



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
52<sup>nd</sup> FIGHTER WING (USAF)

MEMORANDUM FOR 52 FW ALL PERSONNEL

FROM: 52 FW/SE  
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SUBJECT: 52<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing's *52 Weeks of Safety* Campaign

1. Never before has each individual Airman or each piece of government equipment been so important to the overall Air Force effort. Airmen who suffer preventable mishaps fail both fellow Sabers and the mission. Frequently, Airmen who choose poorly force other Airmen into picking up their responsibilities, their tasks, and more and more frequently, their AEF deployments. An injured staff sergeant may no longer be qualified to fill that requirement downrange, supervise that shift, or accomplish that task, which suddenly becomes someone else's new responsibility. A broken or destroyed piece of equipment may no longer be available for combat generation or other critical tasks resulting in the mission not getting accomplished. It is for these reasons that we must learn to see safety as a means to increase our combat capability and a source to meet the demands of our missions.
2. Through our safety campaign, the 52nd Fighter Wing's *52 Weeks of Safety*, we will focus not only on specific troublespots, but will seek to identify and mitigate all potential hazards you may face both on and off duty. We will be providing tools to help keep you safe through commercials, articles, commander's calls, and through information on our *52 Weeks of Safety* page on the Spangdahlem website (<http://www.spangdahlem.af.mil/52weeksofsafety/index.asp>). We urge you to check it frequently for the most up-to-date safety information on your planned activity. But we also need everyone's help identifying other risks and hazards that exist, so that we can keep you and others safe. Please provide these inputs through your unit safety representative, your chain-of-command, or to us directly at DSN 452-6543 or Comm 06565-61-6543.
3. Fellow Sabers, this is a year of immense challenges. We have numerous operational and contingency deployments while simultaneously experiencing reductions in the active force. Together, by 'working hard and playing smart,' we can make responsible choices while reducing mishaps. Together, we can maintain the high combat capabilities required for daily operations and throughout this Global War on Terrorism.

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