



# MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER: MEMORIAL DAY SAFETY

*Crime Prevention is an active approach utilizing public awareness and preventive measures to reduce crime.*

The focus for the month of May is **Memorial Day Safety**. Let us honor the memories of those who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our Nation, but still be aware of our surroundings. During this pandemic usual Memorial Day activities are restricted, such as long distant travel, but this does not prevent criminals from mischievous acts. As restrictions allow, here are things to help avoid being a victim and/or affecting health mandates:

- **Social Distancing.** If you decide to attend/host cookouts, ensure you are social distancing yourself from people for their safety and yours.
- **Secure Your Home/Barracks.** If you leave your home or barracks, remember the importance of locking all doors and securing windows. Do not be complacent in thinking that your home/room is safe and do nothing to prevent housebreaking or burglars.
- **Never Leave Valuables Unattended.** Do not leave valuables or purchases unattended or loose. It is easy to lose track of items left alone and that is when criminals will simply walk by and take them.
- **Park in Clearly Visible Areas.** Criminals target parked vehicles hoping they may obtain valuable items. Ensure you do not leave items in plain view, such as wallets, purses, and removable entertainment devices (iPods, Stereos, etc.).
- **Secure Your Vehicles.** When your vehicle is unattended, even if parked at home, be sure to lock all doors to prevent unauthorized access or theft.
- **Observe Alcohol Consumption.** As many will consume alcohol in honor of the fallen, do so in a wise manner. If you are underage, do not consume alcohol at all or find yourself in a situation that tempts you to do so and be accountable to yourself or a trusting friend.
- **Lookout for Drunk Drivers.** Lastly, a top crime during Memorial Day is driving under the influence. People who choose to drink and drive become dangerous operating vehicles and it is critical to watch for them. For your safety and others, do the right thing and report any suspicions to the local police.

**Remember, during Memorial Day and even everyday life, it is important to remain vigilant, be aware of your surroundings, use caution, and most importantly during this pandemic perform social distancing. Stay safe this month!**

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