



Safety During the Holiday Season

USAREUR Training Holidays on 26 December 2014 & 2 January 2015

Team 21, the winter Holiday Season requires a special focus on safety. Christmas and New Year’s holidays provide an opportunity to gather with Family and friends - to travel, relax, and reflect on our blessings. Please be cognizant of the following hazards:

Alcohol Related Vehicle Accidents. Every accident, injury and death caused by drunk driving is preventable. If hosting a party, offer non-alcoholic beverages as an option and monitor guests for signs of intoxication. Don’t drink and drive; never allow guests to drive after alcohol consumption!

Winter Conditions. Install winter tires on your vehicle and slow down. Increase your following distance and exercise caution when applying brakes. Snow and ice make roads and sidewalks slippery. Wear proper footwear and be diligent when walking or running outside.

Fireworks. They are loud, flashy, and quick – but can burn, blind, and kill in the blink of an eye. Most importantly, use common sense if fireworks are part of your celebration. Never let children play with them. Please keep in mind that in most German communities, use of fireworks is only permitted from 1800 on New Year’s Eve until 0100 on New Year’s Day.

The safety of our Soldiers, Civilians, and Family members is our top priority. Intervene if you observe unsafe behavior. Ask for help if you need it – it is not a sign of weakness. Use your individual professionalism **VE₃ST!** Values; Enthusiasm-Endurance-Excellence; Stewardship; and Teamwork and enjoy the Holiday Season with your loved ones and friends.

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season – Don’t Let an Accident Spoil it!

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*Season's Greetings
Happy New Year!*

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