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Safety

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

Issuance of supplements to this regulation by subordinate commanders is prohibited, unless specifically approved by Headquarters, Fifth U.S. Army and Fort Sam Houston.

1. PURPOSE. To establish motorcycle safety standards IAW Army Regulation 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents; to ensure the welfare, safety and health of military personnel, civilian employees of the Department of Defense and military family members; and to minimize the expense to the United States and unnecessary suffering that results from unsafe use of motorcycles.
2. SCOPE. This regulation applies to all military personnel assigned to any unit located on, assigned to, or training on Fort Sam Houston or Camp Bullis. The requirements of this regulation apply to military personnel at all times (on or off duty) when riding on or operating a motorcycle on-or-off the military installation. This regulation also applies to non-military personnel operating or riding on a motorcycle on Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, or at the U.S. Army recreation area at Canyon Lake. The requirements of this regulation are in addition to, not in lieu of, the motorcycle registration requirement of Fort Sam Houston Regulation 190-5. The term motorcycle includes all powered two- and three-wheeled vehicles, including mopeds and motorbikes.
3. STANDARDS. This regulation is punitive in nature. Military personnel who violate established requirements may be subject to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or other appropriate administrative action. Motorcycle operators, including military and non-military personnel, in violation of this regulation may have their on-post driving privileges suspended for up to one year and may also be barred entry to Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, or the U.S. Army recreation area at Canyon Lake.
4. STANDARDS FOR MOTORCYCLE OPERATORS AND RIDERS. All military personnel will comply with the following requirements before operating or riding a motorcycle on-or-off the military installation. Non-military personnel will comply with these requirements before operating or riding a motorcycle on Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, or the U.S. Army recreation area at Canyon Lake.

a. Motorcycle operators must have a valid state motorcycle operators permit.

b. Motorcycle operators must have proof of financial responsibility as required by Texas state law.

c. Motorcycle operators and riders must wear a properly fastened approved helmet, eye protection, and high-visibility garment (light color for day and reflective for night) whenever and wherever they operate or ride a motorcycle. This paragraph applies to military personnel while riding on or operating a motorcycle on-or-off the installation.

d. The use of headphones or earphones while operating a motorcycle on Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, or the U.S. Army recreation area at Canyon Lake is prohibited.

e. Motorcycles will be operated on Fort Sam Houston, Camp Bullis, or the U.S. Army recreation area at Canyon Lake with headlights on at all times.

f. Additionally, military personnel, family members, or civilian employees of the Department of the Army must successfully complete a certified Motorcycle Operator Skill Test (MOST), including the road test, and attend a safety briefing. Commanders may, in writing, authorize military personnel, family members, or civilian employees to operate a motorcycle without such testing from the time of their arrival until the next available MOST exam.

5. STANDARDS FOR MOTORCYCLES. Motorcycles operated or ridden by military or non-military personnel will comply with the following requirements:

a. All motorcycles must be currently registered and display a valid state license plate according to Texas state law or state law of the owner's residence.

b. All motorcycles must display a valid state inspection sticker from the owner's state of residence or from the State of Texas.

c. All motorcycles operated or ridden by military personnel, civilian employees, or military family members must be registered with the Provost Marshal and display a valid Fort Sam Houston motorcycle registration decal.

The proponent of this regulation is the Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Sam Houston. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to the Commander, USAG, ATTN: AFZG-JA, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234-5000.

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