

Chapter 19

Recreation Safety

19-1. General

Because Fort Lee is a training post, and jogging and walking are excellent forms of exercise, there are many pedestrians walking and jogging on the roadways, especially during the hours of darkness and times of limited visibility. In addition, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblading, roller-skating, scooters, and ATVs pose dangers of their own, so extra precautions must be taken.

19-2. Personal safety precautions while walking/jogging

Drivers of automobiles, as well as trucks and military buses, have difficulty in seeing joggers, especially in the early morning and late afternoon. All persons using installation roadways for recreational walking and jogging will wear retro-reflective clothing, which is visible in all directions, between the hours of dusk and dawn to provide motorists warnings of pedestrian presence.

a. School commandants and unit commanders will advise incoming personnel in welcome packages and in orientation briefings of pedestrian safety precautions contained in this regulation.

b. Directorate of Family Moral, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) will:

(1) Notify Fort Lee Lodging guests of the pedestrian safety precautions contained in this regulation and will provide retro-reflective clothing and flashlights for guest check-out.

(2) Provide retro-reflective clothing and flashlights at physical fitness facilities for check-out.

c. While walking and/or jogging, pedestrians will.

(1) Face traffic when traveling on the roadway shoulders.

(2) Carry flashlights while running during hours of darkness and limited visibility. Retro-reflective clothing is not required for trips of minimal duration, such as crossing a roadway from a parking lot to a building.

(3) Avoid areas with potholes or uneven surfaces which can cause trips and falls and streets with heavy traffic.

(4) Stay off the roadways when road crews are clearing them after snow and ice storms.

(5) Wait on the curb for traffic to pass.

(6) Jog in single file.

(7) Not enter the portion of the roadway used by vehicular traffic except when crossing the street, while on roadways where the speed limit is 15 mph or less, or when the terrain does not permit use of the shoulder or sidewalk.

(8) Not impede the flow of vehicular traffic on any roadway.

(9) Not jog or walk on streets and sidewalks wearing headphones or earphones.

(10) Not jaywalk or disregard traffic signals, stop signs, and crosswalks.

19-3. Bicycle safety

a. Bicycles operating on the roadways of this installation during the hours of darkness, between dawn and dusk, will be equipped with reflective markings, front and rear, a headlight . Markings may be either reflectorized paint or tape not less than 4 inches in length.

b. All personnel riding bicycles on Fort Lee will wear approved helmets. An approved helmet is one that meets or exceeds the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or SNELL Memorial Foundation Standards for bicycle helmets.

c. The use of headphones and earphones is prohibited while operating a bicycle on Fort Lee.

d. Provost Marshal is responsible for the enforcement of this requirement.

e. Unit commanders will:

(1) Ensure Service Members under their command are familiar with this requirement.

(2) Enforce the policy found in this regulation in areas under unit control.

19-4. Skateboarding, rollerblading, roller-skating, and riding on scooters

a. All personnel on Fort Lee will wear helmets when skateboarding, rollerblading, roller-skating, and riding on battery/gasoline powered scooters.

b. The use of headphones and earphones is prohibited while skateboarding, rollerblading, roller-skating, and riding on scooters on Fort Lee.

19-5. Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs)

ATVs are off-road motorized vehicles requiring a high degree of operator skill and large operations field environment. Because of the many ATV-related injuries and deaths, the operation of three- or four-wheel ATVs for recreation on Fort Lee property is prohibited. Only PMO and EMO are authorized to use ATVs on post. They have met the requirements of AR 385-10, para 11-9, which states Government ATV operators will complete the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America based course.

19-6. Hunting program

a. Environmental Management Office (EMO) and the Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) will complete a risk assessment for review by the Installation Safety Office prior to changing any hunting area.

b. The Installation Safety Office will:

(1) Monitor the effectiveness of enforcement of the hunting regulation.

(2) Attend regular hunting meetings.

(3) Review risk assessments and make recommendations.

19-7. Community events

a. Activities will conduct and provide written risk assessments to the Installation Safety Office prior to the event.

b. The Installation Safety Office will review risk assessments and conduct safety inspections prior to the event.