BATTLE BUDDY
RISK ASSESSMENT

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Your battle buddy is your best friend in the heat of combat. There's no better feeling than knowing someone has your back when it counts most.

But you may not realize the hazards you and your buddies face off duty can be just as deadly as the enemy. That's why I'm asking you to take this assessment to find out if your battle buddies might be at risk for an accident.

You have tremendous influence with your peers, and you can make a positive impact on their risk decisions by reaching out when they need help. Doing nothing is never the answer — make a move and always have your buddy's back . Army Safe is Army Strong!

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WHAT IS YOUR RISK LEVEL FOR AN ACCIDENT?

Did you know human error accounts for the majority of Army accidents? Indiscipline, inadequate training and standards, insufficient support and/or lack of supervision all contribute to numerous fatalities and injuries within the Army's formations every year. This assessment was designed to assist you, whatever your rank or career field, in identifying hazards that may put your battle buddies at risk.

Your assessment results will help you develop a plan for resolving issues that may harm your buddies. Getting involved is the first step in preventing accidents and saving lives.

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What are you doing to identify hazards and mitigate risk?

Within the past 30 days, have you:

- Taken the time to have a personal discussion with your battle buddy?
- Met with and addressed concerns you might have regarding your battle buddy?
- Discussed the BOSS program with your battle buddy?
- Encouraged your battle buddy to have his or her vehicle or motorcycle inspected?
- Discussed your unit's morale with your battle buddy?
- Encouraged your battle buddy to get involved when he or she witnesses at-risk behaviors (drinking and driving, speeding, texting or talking on a cell phone while driving)?
- Engaged in a fun activity (MWR trip, team building and organizational day) with your battle buddy?
- Encouraged your battle buddy to check out the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center website for the latest safety news?

If you answered NO to more than one of these questions, you should re-engage immediately.

DIRECTIONS: *Please take a few minutes to answer the questions below. This assessment is an awareness tool designed for individuals at all levels within the Army and will help increase your awareness of your battle buddy's risk factors. You are not required to give the results to anyone.*

1. **Has your battle buddy returned from a stressful deployment within the past six months (lost a unit member, been near IED explosions or mortar fire, etc.)?**
2. **Has your battle buddy recently received a speeding ticket, or have you observed him or her driving at excessive speeds?**
3. **Is your battle buddy easily distracted because he or she is focused on non-work related issues like Family problems, divorce or separation, death of someone close, bills or a breakup with a significant other?**
4. **Have you seen your battle buddy operate or ride in a vehicle without using personal protective equipment (seatbelt, helmet, etc.)?**
5. **Has your battle buddy recently been involved in a physical or verbal confrontation with a friend or co-worker?**
6. **Does your battle buddy question or dislike authority?**
7. **Does your battle buddy have an "I don't care" attitude about things like his or her job, appearance, friends or Family?**
8. **Does your battle buddy seem easily bored or often voice feelings of boredom?**
9. **Does your battle buddy appear unusually tired during duty hours?**
10. **Does your battle buddy consume large quantities of energy drinks during the day?**
11. **Has your battle buddy recently purchased a handgun but not yet received proper training?**
12. **Does your battle buddy commonly talk on a cell phone or text while driving?**
13. **Has your battle buddy driven under the influence of alcohol or any other drug within the past 30 days?**
14. **Is your battle buddy drinking more alcohol than usual?**
15. **Has your battle buddy begun participating in high-risk activities or become more involved in thrill-seeking activities when out with friends?**

If you answered YES to one or more of the above questions, take a few minutes and speak with your battle buddy, someone in your chain of command or someone in your unit. This may be all the intervention needed to help your battle buddy get back on the correct path and prevent him or her from becoming the next accident statistic in your formation. If you feel more comfortable speaking with someone other than your battle buddy, consider contacting your local chaplain, troop medical clinic, mental health professional, Army Community Service organization or Military OneSource at (800) 342-9647 (24-hour hotline). Remember to keep your chain of command informed, but most importantly, NEVER allow the issues to worsen. It is your responsibility to TAKE ACTION!