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MEMORANDUM FOR All US Army Sustainment Command (ASC) Organizations

SUBJECT: Thanksgiving Safety Message

- 1. Team, Thanksgiving has long been the mark for the beginning of the holiday season. The 4th Thursday in November is remembered as a day to bring families together, parades, football, and of course enough turkey and trimmings to fill the hungriest of appetites. As we gather with our family and friends, remember that there are many families at home with an empty setting at their table. Unfortunately being part of the Army family has its sacrifices, and it is especially important to remember these families and their deployed loved ones during this holiday period.**
- 2. Although a time of thanks, remembrance, and joy, Thanksgiving brings particular hazards that can be unforgiving to the unprepared. Make sure you have a 'winter car-emergency kit' in your vehicle, these can be especially useful when visiting family or friends if you get stranded far from home or in unfamiliar areas. Before embarking on your outing, ensure you get plenty of sleep. Now is also a good time to remind ourselves how to reduce the risks of driving in winter conditions, exercise caution since winter weather and heavy traffic may complicate your plans. Remember to use TRiPS for all of your vacation needs (located at <https://safety.army.mil/> - then, click on TRiPS Travel Risk Planning System box). Make sure you tell a friend, family member, or coworker the intentions of your travels. By informing a responsible person, you have someone to make sure you arrive at your destination safely.**
- 3. As a member of ASC's Band of Brothers and Sisters, we must all take care of each other and effectively manage the risks associated with our behaviors. There should be no exception to this rule. Enjoy a safe and happy Thanksgiving, and continue these safety practices through 2011.**

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