

## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS 36TH WING (PACAF) ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE GUAM

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## MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AIRMEN ON ANDERSEN AFB

FROM: 36 WG/CC

SUBJECT: High-Risk Activities (HRA) Program for Personnel Assigned, Deployed, or TDY to Andersen AFB

- 1. Airmen who are stationed, deployed, or TDY to Andersen AFB are vital to the security of Guam and the Indo-Pacific region. Guam offers many unique opportunities, and I encourage everyone to take advantage of those opportunities while they are here. Unfortunately, Guam also has many unique hazards associated with water recreation. Rip currents can be very strong and are found throughout the island's beaches. Rough waves and strong tides are also major hazards, especially outside the reef. On average, Guam has one water related death per month to include, residents, tourists, and military personnel.
- 2. In addition to the PACAF High-Risk Activities, I am adding snorkeling and water-related activity outside the reef. For this purpose, water-related activity is defined as personal recreation to include surfing, kite surfing, wind surfing, paddle boarding, kayaking, wakeboarding, water skiing, or any other similar activity. It does not include boating.

## PACAF HRA

All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV)

Auto Racing

Bungee Jumping

Civil Light Aircraft Flying

Cliff Diving

Combative Sports

Free Diving/Extended Breath-Holding

Hunting

Jet Skiing/Personal Water Craft (PWC)

Motocross/Off-Road Riding

Motorcycle Racing (Street/Track)

Mountain Biking (Trails Riding/Racing)

Parasailing

Rock Climbing/Rappelling

Rodeo Activities

Scuba Diving

Ski Jumping (Snow)

Sky Diving

Snowmobiling

Snow Skiing/Snowboarding

Soaring

Ultralight Aircraft/Powered Parachute

Underwater Exploration/Cave Diving/Spelunking

Whitewater Rafting or Kayaking

ADDITIONAL HRA FOR PERSONNEL ASSIGNED, DEPLOYED, OR TDY TO ANDERSEN AFB

Snorkeling

Water-Related Activities Outside the Reef

- 3. Supervisors are responsible for their Airmen, and I expect all supervisors to have a full understanding of the HRA Program. Andersen AFB HRA Briefs have been included to aid your discussion and assist you with completing the AF Form 4391.
- 4. Check 3 is another good guide when planning your high-risk activity or supervising Airmen who intend on participating in high-risk activities. The "Check 3" approach assesses three areas

referenced by the common acronym GPS (Gear, Plan, and Skill), and is good practice for any activity in a harsh or unfamiliar environment. Gear may encompass personal protective equipment, your vehicle, or availability of drinking water. Plan may encompass the timeline, weather, sequence, or emergency contact/backup. Skills may mean are you rested for the activity or your overall experience level with the activity. If you see an issue or hazard in any of the areas, adjust an area to mitigate the hazard, especially the plan.

5. Nothing we do in peacetime is worth the unnecessary loss of life due to exceeding a responsible margin of risk. Please ensure you accurately assess your risk and look out for each other.

JEREMY T. SLOANE Brigadier General, USAF

Commander

## 3 Attachments:

- 1. Andersen AFB High-Risk Briefing Checklist
- 2. PACAF High-Risk Activities (HRA) Program
- 3. AF Form 4391 High-Risk Activity Worksheet