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MEMORANDUM FOR DAF PERSONNEL

FROM: AF/SE
1400 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1400

SUBJECT: 101 Critical Days of Summer

1. Spring is in the air, and the fun of summer is just around the corner. Unfortunately, this is also a period of increased mishaps and injuries across the DAF team. The 101 Critical Days of Summer begin on Memorial Day and run through Labor Day. This summer, we must use sound decision-making and risk management skills during all our activities to protect ourselves, our families, and our teammates.
2. We lost 19-members to preventable mishaps during this period last year. The leading cause of fatalities continues to be motor vehicle accidents exacerbated by reckless driving, fatigue, speeding, and alcohol. The average age of Airmen and Guardians involved in these events is under 30-years old. ***First-line supervisors are our most critical and first line of defense—get in front of our Airmen and Guardians and discuss the risks.*** Mentor them to ensure they are making the best decisions for themselves and the mission.
3. A single member lost is one too many. We encourage everyone to commit to a safer summer. If you need a refresher on ways to protect your team, loved ones, and yourself, visit our [101 Critical Days of Summer webpage](#) for tips and tools.
4. ***Our Airmen, Guardians, civilians, and families are our most valuable assets. They are the heart of America's combat power.*** Take care of yourselves and others while enjoying summer activities with family and friends. Thank you for your continued service and commitment to the Department of the Air Force and our Nation.

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