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MEMORANDUM FOR VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
ASSISTANT COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

SUBJECT: Department of the Navy (DON) Heightened Awareness to Prevent Falls

Falls, including slips and trips, are the most common type of workplace mishaps experienced by our Marines, Sailors, and civilian colleagues. These mishaps account for the largest number of mission days lost and broadly impact individual readiness across the DON. These mishaps occur indiscriminately ashore and afloat, in operational units and administrative commands. Vigilant attentiveness to our complex, dynamic, and often hazardous work environments is paramount in eliminating these preventable mishaps.

As the DON's Designated Agency Safety and Health Officer, I am committed to initiatives that seek to raise the safety and health consciousness of every DON teammate in every on and off-duty activity. This year, the Department of the Navy will actively participate in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Fall Prevention Campaign being held May 2-6, 2016. The nationwide outreach campaign targets raising awareness among workers and employees about fall hazards. This year's campaign slogan: "Plan. Provide. Train." identifies three deliberate steps that well align with the risk decision and control implementation steps of the Operational Risk Management construct. Adding the "Supervise" step ensures the intended risk management objectives are achieved.

Please encourage your Commanders, Commanding Officers, Senior Executives, and leadership at all levels within the DON to actively promote this Fall Prevention Campaign and leverage your safety professionals to tailor activities that raise the awareness of the people you lead.

I sincerely appreciate your unwavering leadership and personal support of this critical initiative. If you need additional information, please contact Mr. Tony Militello, Director of Occupational Safety and Health, at anthony.j.militello@navy.mil.

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