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COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY LETTER 06-14

From: Commander
To: All Commanders, Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune and General and Special Staff
Subj: APPROPRIATE USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT WHILE RIDING AND HANDLING HORSES ABOARD MARINE CORPS BASE, CAMP LEJEUNE
Encl: (1) Types of Approved Equestrian Helmets

1. Purpose. To establish a policy for appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for all persons to wear who ride and/or handle horses aboard Marine Corps Installations East-Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune (MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ) installations.
2. Cancellation. CO MCB CAMLEJ Policy Letter 05-11.
3. Information. There are approximately 15,000 equestrian mishaps annually, many of which cause death and serious injuries to riders and handlers. The most frequent cause of death and serious injury for mounted and dismounted horse activities is head injury. The wear of appropriate PPE, particularly a properly fitted equestrian helmet, greatly reduces the chance for serious injury in the event of a horse-related mishap. For further information regarding horseback riding and head injuries, please visit the American Academy of Pediatrics' website at www.pediatrics.org.
4. Action
 - a. All persons, regardless of age, who ride and/or handle horses aboard MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ installations, shall wear a properly fitted equestrian helmet that meets American Society for Testing Materials standards and is Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) certified.
 - b. Refer to enclosure (1) for photographic examples of approved equestrian helmets. For a complete list of approved

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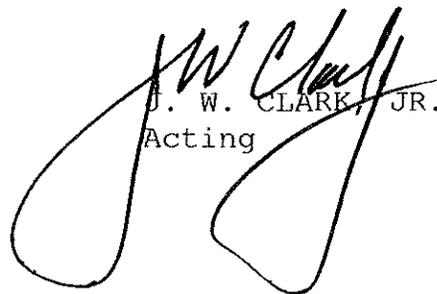
equestrian helmets, please go to SEI's website at www.seinet.org and click on the "certified products" link.

c. All persons shall wear durable, size-appropriate, long-legged pants and shirts, and wear boots or shoes with a heel and covered ankle when using stirrups.

d. All riders shall ensure that all equipment is free of damage and properly secured. The harness shall always be fastened to the horse prior to mounting, and shall not be unfastened until after dismounting.

e. Adults shall supervise riders and handlers age 18 and younger, and ensure that both the horse and riding activity are appropriate for the child's skill level. Adults must exercise sound judgment based on the age and experience of young riders when determining the level of supervision required. Younger and inexperienced riders will require close, personal supervision, while older, more experienced riders will require less supervision. Never tie a child to the horse or saddle.

5. Point of contact is the Director of Safety at DSN 751-5725 or commercial 910-451-5725.



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