

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Accident Reporting (GC Policy #22-33)

1. **All** accidents are to be reported to your local Post Safety Office. The term all includes injuries to Army personnel, motor vehicle accidents and damage to government property.
2. **DA Form 285-AB-R** (Abbreviated Ground Accident Report) is to be used for reporting **all** off-duty accidents and **all** Class C and D on-duty ground accidents. **DA Form 285** (U.S. Army Accident Report) is used **only** for reporting Class A and Class B on-duty ground accidents.
3. Army accident reporting requirements are outlined in AR 385-40 (Accident Reporting and Records), USARPAC Reg 385-1 (USARPAC Safety Program) and USARAK Reg 385-1 (USARAK Safety Program). Details on completing accident reporting forms are in DA Pam 385-40 (Army Accident Investigating and Reporting).
4. Until all injuries and accidents are reported, we cannot accurately measure Risk Management and injury prevention effectiveness. By comparing your DA Form 285s with hospital admission, physical therapy records and MP blotter entries, you can better assess effectiveness of your unit's accident prevention and reporting program. Reporting **all** accidents, even those resulting in minor injuries and little or no property damage, enable leaders to intervene before someone is seriously injured and killed or a valuable weapon system is destroyed. Causes of first-aid injuries and fender bender accidents are often the same as the causes of life-threatening injuries and major property loss accidents.
5. POCs are your local Post Safety staffs at FRA (384-2382) and FWA (353-7078). They can provide guidance and assistance regarding accident reporting criteria.

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