

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Passengers in Pick-Up Truck Beds (GC Policy #22-36)

1. Transportation of passengers in open-bed vehicles on military installations in Alaska is prohibited unless the vehicles are equipped with seat belts and seat belts in the open-bed area. Military personnel are directed to refrain from riding in or transporting others in open-bed vehicles, on or off Post, unless the vehicles are configured with seats and seat belts in the open-bed area. This applies to all open-bed vehicles, regardless of whether a cap or shell encloses the open-bed area.
2. The hazards associated with transporting passengers in beds of pick-up trucks must be a concern of all leaders. This is a high-risk activity, one that often results in serious injury or death and is indicative of careless behavior. Two soldiers died during FY98 when they were thrown from the beds of moving pick-up trucks.
3. Commanders are encouraged to make this part of their Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Accident Prevention Initiatives.

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