



Inspections Key to Unit Success



IT'S EASY TO ASSUME THAT VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT WILL WORK WHENEVER WE NEED THEM.

BUT WITHOUT ROUTINE AND COMPLETE PMCS, THERE'S **NO GUARANTEE!**

The effects of neglected PMCS go beyond inconvenience. When a vehicle is NMC, a weapon improperly assembled or a radio's batteries are dead, Soldiers and missions are put at risk.

Units should never take detailed checks lightly. Schedule sufficient time for PMCS, pre-combat checks (PCCs) and pre-combat inspections (PCIs) before **each** mission.

All equipment operators need to be familiar with TMs and checklists, but only qualified inspectors should perform technical inspections prior to repair, evacuation or turn-in of unserviceable equipment.

LEADERS, YOUR ROLE IS TO ENFORCE EQUIPMENT CHECKLISTS.

MAKE SURE YOUR PEOPLE HAVE THE RESOURCES NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION.

PLAN INSPECTIONS WELL IN ADVANCE, AND ALLOW TIME FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION IN CASE A VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT FAILS INSPECTION.

ARMY SAFE IS ARMY STRONG

Inspections Win the Day

Safety inspections are one of the most important accident prevention tools in a unit's safety program. Trained inspectors can spot faults or malfunctions before an accident occurs.

All inspectors should know the standards, be trained on the equipment they inspect and be able to reference the proper TMs.

Individual involvement, leadership engagement and supervision at all levels help reinforce an effective safety program.

MANY UNITS HAVE LOCALLY PRODUCED INSPECTION FORMS TAILORED TO THEIR NEEDS.

HERE IS A GENERAL CHECKLIST ANY UNIT CAN USE...

- PMCS done on all equipment
- DA Form 5988-E completed and logged
- Vehicle(s) dispatched
- -10 TMs present
- Basic issue items (BI) complete and present
- Drivers properly licensed
- Equipment loaded by load plan
- Vehicle load plan verified
- First aid kit complete and present
- Night-vision devices clean and operational
- Fire Suppression System (FSS) working
- Handheld fire extinguishers working
- Cargo secured and tied down
- Prime movers and trailer brake systems properly connected and operational
- Risk assessment done
- Risk assessment form signed by the approving authority.

For detailed equipment inspection checklists, visit the US Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center's Driver's Training Toolbox at:

<https://safety.army.mil/drivertrainingtoolbox>