

Oh, It's Just Risk Management!

One of the Navy's and Marine Corps' biggest challenges in embedding ORM into our culture is the name... it is called OPERATIONAL Risk Management. We want ORM to be a part of how we do business, all the time, aboard ship or at home, working or relaxing. Perhaps we should just change the meaning of the 'O'? How about these possibilities:

- Overall Risk Management, or . . .
- On-duty Risk Management, or . . .
- On-deck Risk Management, or . . .
- On-the-job Risk Management, or . . .
- Occupational Risk Management, or . . .
- Off-duty Risk Management, or . . .
- Off-road Risk Management, or . . .
- On-the-highway Risk Management, or . . .
- Outdoor-barbeque Risk Management, or . . .
- Outboard-motor Risk Management, or . . .
- Off-shore-fishing Risk Management, . . .
- Over-the-top Risk Management (for the X-Games wannabes), or . . .
- Out-of-bounds Risk Management (for the sports nuts), or . . .
- Overtime Risk Management

O _____ Risk Management . . . you fill in the blank and "just do it."

To put ORM into practice:

1. Identify hazards or threats
2. Assess the hazards or threats to determine risk
3. Make risk decisions after developing controls
4. Implement the controls
5. Supervise and review – watch for changes

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