

# OPERATIONAL SECURITY



## A guide to OPSEC

### WHAT IS OPSEC?

Operational Security is a risk management process that helps leaders to see operations from the perspective of an adversary in order to protect sensitive information from falling into the wrong hands.

It's important to execute measures that eliminate or reduce vulnerabilities that may lead to adversary exploitation.

#### DO'S

- Use different screen names for social media profiles.
- Check the background of your photos for distinct landmarks/ sensitive info before posting.
- Practice positivity.
- Turn off geotagging and location-based social networking on phones and digital cameras.
- Maximize security settings.

#### DON'TS

- Don't give out personal information such as phone numbers, residential area or personal/unit details.
- Don't post photos from your spouse's location.
- Don't share strong political, controversial opinions. This should be kept offline!
- Don't post information protected under the Privacy Act.

### IF YOU SEE AN OPSEC RISK

**Record** information and remove if possible.

**Inform** the individual of the OPSEC violation.

**Notify** your spouse of any potential OPSEC violation.

**Educate** your friends & family about OPSEC, why it's important and what they can do about it if they witness a violation.

**YOUR DUTY:** Watch for potential OPSEC concerns and continue to educate audiences!