

7 Ps (military adage)

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The **7 Ps** is a British Army adage for Proper Planning and Preparation Prevents Piss Poor Performance.

The 7 Ps are normally referred to as *"the 7 Ps"* rather than as an acronym: (i.e. PPPPPPP). Educators and trainers in military or civilian situations find it useful to first introduce the phrase, "the 7 Ps". When it is explained, the humour and shock of the mild expletive help make the adage memorable. This adage is often used in project planning, or when training for life-or-death situations.

Other versions of the 7 Ps

- Proper Planning and Preparation Prevents Piss Poor Performance.
- Proper Prior Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance.
- Prior Proper Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance.
- Prior Proper Preparation Prevents Piss Poor Performance.
- Piss Poor Planning Promotes Piss Poor Performance.
- Prior Planning and Preparation Prevents Piss Poor Performance
- Prior Preparation and Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance.
- Positive Pre-Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance.

Over time, the phrase has been changed to include the word 'practice' in order to better fit certain scenarios. For example:

- Proper Planning and Practice Prevents Piss Poor Performance.
- Prior Proper Planning Prevents Painfully Poor Production.
- Prior Proper Planning Prevents Piss Poor Production.
- Prior Proper Planning Prevents Poor Painfully Production

References

- U.S. Air Force article extolling the 7 Ps (euphemised)