

# MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS EAST POLICY STATEMENT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE



Sexual assault is a serious crime that is incompatible with Marine Corps Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. It is prejudicial to good order and discipline and will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Every member of this command is entitled to serve in an environment founded on dignity, decency, professionalism, and mutual respect. We are committed to fostering a command climate where every Marine, Sailor, civilian Marine, and family member is treated with respect and where behaviors that undermine trust, cohesion, or readiness are neither accepted nor ignored.

Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault can occur regardless of sex, age, marital status, or relationship between the individuals involved.



Consent is fundamental to healthy and respectful relationships. Consent is a freely given, informed, and voluntary agreement by a competent person to engage in the conduct at issue. A lack of physical or verbal resistance does not constitute consent, nor should silence or the absence of protest ever be interpreted as agreement.

Preventing sexual assault is a leadership responsibility and a shared commitment across this command. Leaders at every level are expected to cultivate an environment built on trust, dignity, accountability, and respect, where concerns can be raised without fear and where every individual understands their role in preventing harmful behaviors. Through engaged leadership, education, bystander intervention, and mutual respect, we strengthen our command and preserve the combat readiness of our force.

Anyone who experiences sexual assault will be treated with dignity, respect and attentiveness. The safety, well-being, and rights of victims remain paramount. Individuals seeking assistance are encouraged to contact the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program, where trained professionals are available to provide support, explain available resources, and discuss reporting options.

Victims of sexual assault have two reporting options:

Restricted Reporting allows a victim to receive confidential support services, including medical care, advocacy, Victims' Legal Counsel, chaplain support, and counseling services without notifying law enforcement or the chain of command. Restricted reports may be made to a Uniformed or Civilian Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate (SAPR VA), Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), or healthcare personnel as authorized by policy. The victim's identity remains confidential and is not disclosed to command or law enforcement authorities.

Unrestricted Reporting allows a victim to receive the same support services while also initiating command notification and an official law enforcement investigation. Victims making an unrestricted report continue to receive advocacy, medical care, Victims' Legal Counsel, chaplain support, and counseling throughout the process. Information related to the report will be shared only with those who have an official need to know.

Anyone seeking information or support may contact the Lejeune-New River 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line at (910) 750-5852 or the DoD Safe Helpline at (877) 995-5247 to speak confidentially with a victim advocate. These resources are available to provide crisis intervention, explain available services, and help individuals understand their reporting options.

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program is a vital resource that provides advocacy, education, prevention initiatives, and comprehensive support to victims while strengthening command readiness. Every member of this command is encouraged to become familiar with the SAPR Program and the resources available to our community.

Creating and sustaining a command climate free from sexual assault requires the commitment of every member of this command. By treating one another with dignity and respect, demonstrating moral courage, intervening when appropriate, and supporting those affected by sexual assault, we reinforce our Core Values and strengthen the trust that is essential to mission accomplishment.

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**For further guidance or assistance related to Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, contact the MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ  
24/7 Sexual Assault Response Line at (910) 750-5852.**