



SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY

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The Marine Corps has built a proud legacy of accomplishments that we are expected to carry on. That legacy does not include sexual assault, which is contrary to our Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment, and negatively impacts combat readiness and cohesiveness. As brothers and sisters in arms in a demanding and lethal profession, always remember that our lives depend on each other and that there is no "off duty" when it comes to taking care of one another.

Sexual assault is a crime and is defined as intentional contact, characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, forcible sodomy, and other unwanted sexual contact that is aggravated, abusive, or wrongful (including unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact) or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault will not be tolerated.

Prevention and education of this crime is a constant focus within our unit, and we will work aggressively to maintain an environment that promotes mutual respect. Victims of sexual assault will be treated with decency and respect and will have access to Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) services to include medical, counseling, and legal support. A victim of sexual assault must feel confident that their restricted or unrestricted reporting option will be honored and that they will not be re-victimized by individuals or the organization upon reporting.

Victims and/or witnesses of alleged incidence will not face reprisal, intimidation, or retaliation as a result of reporting such incidence. Victims of reprisal, intimidation, or retaliation as a result of reporting may also make a complaint of such reprisal, intimidation or retaliation. Victims and/or witnesses will also be afforded the opportunity to seek help and have access to appropriate and responsive care and services to help cope with the incident.

Sexual assault undermines the special trust and confidence that exists among Marines and Sailors and creates a toxic environment with lasting negative effects on morale and mission accomplishment. Leadership is key to sexual assault awareness, prevention, and response. I charge all Marines and Sailors to remain alert for indicators of a potential sexual assault and to use the foundations of bystander intervention to take action to protect others.

Victims of sexual assault have two reporting options: Restricted and Unrestricted. Unrestricted reports disclose the victim's identity to law enforcement, the unit commander, and those with an official need to know for an official investigation of the crime. Restricted reports do not disclose the victim's identity to the commander or law enforcement and an investigation will not be initiated. All victims have complete access to available support resources.

If you are a victim of sexual assault, confidential assistance and support are available through the Sexual Assault Prevention Response (SAPR) Victim Advocate (VA) and the Chaplain. To confidentially reach a Camp Lejeune Advocate, call the 24/7 Support Line at (910) 750-5852. Additionally, the DoD Safe Helpline is anonymous, secure, and available 24/7 worldwide at 877-995-5247 or online at www.safehelpline.org.

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