



# SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

## HEADQUARTERS AND SUPPORT BATTALION

### MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS-EAST

### MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP LEJEUNE



The abuse of alcohol and the possession, use, trafficking, or distribution of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia is contrary to the effective performance of Marines and Sailors and to the Marine Corps mission and will not be tolerated. Alcohol and drug offenses must and will be dealt with swiftly and effectively.

The wrongful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, or introduction of a controlled substance analogue or a designer drug onto a military installation, vessel, vehicle, or aircraft used by or under the control of the armed forces is prohibited.

The wrongful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, or introduction onto a military installation, vessel, vehicle, or aircraft used by or under the control of the armed forces, of natural substances, chemicals, propellants, or prescribed or over-the-counter drugs or pharmaceutical compounds with the intent to induce intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction of their own central nervous system, or that of another, is prohibited.

No Marine or Sailor under the age of 21 is permitted to consume any alcoholic beverage. The legal consumption of alcohol is expected to be done responsibly. Irresponsible drinking leads to poor decisions that put reputations, careers, and lives at risk. Driving while impaired or under the influence of alcohol or drugs endangers your life, the lives of your passengers, and the lives of others on the road. Such reckless behavior leads to senseless, avoidable damage, injury, and death, and punitive and administrative action. Resources are available to assist if you are unable to get home safely. There are no adverse consequences associated with using this resource or for contacting anyone in your chain of command to find a safe ride home.

If you or someone you know is struggling with alcohol or drug dependency, it is important to get help immediately. Everyone has a role in substance abuse prevention, intervention, and the promotion of overall health and mission readiness. Your chain of command and the Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO) are available to assist.

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