



## COMMANDING GENERAL'S POLICY STATEMENT ON SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE



Sexual assault is a criminal act and will not be tolerated within 3d Marine Division. Sexual assault impedes a unit or member's morale, effectiveness, and efficiency, and impairs the ability of the Marine Corps to function smoothly. We have a specific responsibility as Marines and Sailors to eliminate sexual assault within the Corps, to assist those Marines, Sailors, and civilians affected by sexual assault, and to ensure that sexual assault victims are treated fairly, with dignity and without prejudice. Commanders shall ensure that all leaders and supervisors within their command are familiar with MCO 1752.5A and the guidance published in its enclosures. Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault incidents may have damaging consequences for the victim and this command. Be assured, sexual assault will NOT be tolerated.

Sexual assault victims are to be treated with decency, respect, and sensitivity. They will be provided appropriate medical, emotional, and psychological services. Victim safety is paramount at all times. Those victims who choose to make a restricted report will have that choice honored to the fullest extent. Victims who have the courage to report sexual assault incidents must feel confident that they will be protected and justice will be served.

I charge every Marine and Sailor, starting with senior leadership, to understand his or her duty to safely intervene and prevent sexual assault by identifying and stopping behaviors that may lead to sexual assault. Doing nothing is NOT an option. Marines are men and women of action. Bystanders to potential sexual assaults must take decisive action to prevent incidents before they occur. To do otherwise would be contrary to our core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment.

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