



3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES COMMANDER'S SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION POLICY

Sexual assault is a serious crime and prejudicial to good order and unit readiness. It is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat of force or abuse of authority when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship or age of the victim.

“Consent shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, coercion, or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.”

Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault incidents will have damaging consequences for both victims and their organizations. Appropriate legal or administrative action will be taken against violators.

Victims will be treated with sensitivity, decency and respect, and will receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services. Care will be given to ensure the identity of a victim is released only to those who have a need-to-know. Victim safety and rights are paramount. Victims who have the courage to report must feel confident their personal safety will be protected and they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Marines and Sailors who are sexually assaulted are physically, mentally, and emotionally traumatized. They deserve to be treated with sensitivity and care.

Reporting an incident of sexual assault may be initiated via the following reports:

- A restricted report allows the victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotion/psychological counseling support services without notification of law enforcement or the command. A restricted report can be made to a Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA), Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Healthcare Provider (HCP), DoD Safe Support Helpline 24/7 (877-995-5247), or Marine Corps Base Hawaii's Sexual Assault 24/7 Help Line (808-216-0126). In a restricted report the victim's identity remains confidential, and it is not forwarded to law enforcement or the command.
- An unrestricted report also allows a victim to receive medical, informational, and emotional/psychological counseling support services and an official investigation ensues. An unrestricted report can be made to law enforcement authorities, the command, a UVA, SARC, HCP, Chaplain, DoD Safe Helpline, and the Sexual Assault Help Line. Although the victim's identity will not remain confidential, care will be given to ensure that it is released

only to those with a legitimate need-to-know (i.e. unit commander and investigating authorities).

All Marines, Sailors, and civilians must be willing to speak out against sexual violence and to intervene when necessary. We are all responsible for assisting a victim with finding proper help and support after a crime. It is only by our united efforts that we will succeed in creating an environment free of sexual violence. Members of this command will adhere to this policy and the sexual assault policies of higher headquarters, to include Marine Corps Order 1752.5B.a



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