

COMMANDING OFFICER
1st Battalion, 3d Marines

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION
POLICY STATEMENT



Sexual assault is a crime. It is an act without honor that violates every aspect of moral and ethical behavior and disregards human dignity. It is an act of cowardice that inflicts pain on another person - often times a fellow Marine or Sailor.

Sexual Assault is defined as:

"Intentional sexual 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." (DODD 6495.01)

The Department of Defense (DoD) has charged that every member of the Armed Forces clearly understand that sexual assault is not tolerated or condoned. Alleged victim's reports will not be ignored and will be treated with the utmost seriousness. Their privacy will be protected and they will be treated with sensitivity. Bystanders are charged to identify risk situations and intervene to prevent such acts. The DoD also emphasizes that offenders should know that they will be held appropriately accountable by an effective system of justice.

Sexual assault violates who we are as Marines and Sailors and is incompatible with our core values of honor, courage, and commitment. It results in an irrevocable loss of faith in our institution and violates both the rights of individuals and the basic principles every Marine and Sailor has sworn to uphold and defend. Sexual Assault is punishable under Article 120 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice with a maximum sentence of life imprisonment without parole.

Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Marines in this command are charged to practice the tenets of bystander intervention. Every Marine has the responsibility to prevent sexual assault, ensure the dignity and respect of all our brothers and sisters, and have the courage to intervene. All personnel are charged to report any violations of this policy and take immediate action to correct and prevent such violations.

All personnel will familiarize themselves with the Marine Corps' policies and orders regarding sexual assault. Additionally, this command will provide associated training. The command Sexual Assault Response Coordinator is First Lieutenant William Bourque and can be reached at (808)257-3922 or william.bourque@usmc.mil.

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