

# Commanding Officer's Alcohol Misuse Policy



The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for ending alcohol misuse and treating alcohol-related incidents in accordance with Marine Corps Order 5300.17A. Alcohol misuse brings discredit upon the Marine Corps and undermines our Core Values. It degrades combat readiness and can result in the needless loss of life. As such, alcohol misuse is unacceptable, and Marines of all ranks have the responsibility to exercise leadership and curtail it whenever and wherever they see it. I personally believe that curbing alcohol misuse is the single greatest contribution we can make to our Battalion Safety Program. In many cases, alcohol misuse fuels off duty accidents, mishaps, and incidents. Promoting abstinence or low risk drinking is essential to an effective safety program. Alcohol misuse within this unit would not be tolerated. All alcohol-related incidents (ARI) will be

dealt with in a swift and stern manner through administrative, punitive, and rehabilitative measures.

I expect every Marine and Sailor to take personal responsibility for their conduct. NCOs, SNCOs and Officers set the example by not misusing alcohol. Leaders at all levels will be vigilant and have the moral courage to take the appropriate action against alcohol misuse when they see it. I expect every Marine under the age of 21 to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages. I expect all Marines and Sailors to refrain from operating a motorized vehicle after drinking alcohol.

**Never drink and drive. Never ride with a driver who has been drinking. Identify a designated driver who will not drink. Use the Arrive Alive Program. Set aside money for Uber, Lyft or any of the other rideshares. Call a friend who has not been drinking and have them pick you up.**

Seek help before an ARI occurs. Just like everything else in this battalion, we win together. The bottom line is simple, if you have a problem, tell someone, and let's get you some help.

All ARIs will be investigated and reported to me via our established CCIR #10. Marines and Sailors with substantiated cases of alcohol issues will be referred to the Substance Abuse Counseling Center for screening and, if needed, treatment and rehabilitation.

For additional information, contact 5th Battalion, 11th Marines Substance Abuse Control Officer Staff Sergeant Ruben Abiocabrera at 760- 763-3099 or by email at [ruben.abiocabrera@usmc.mil](mailto:ruben.abiocabrera@usmc.mil)



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