



11TH MARINE REGIMENT
1st Marine Division



Commanding Officer's
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response
Policy Statement

Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact that is characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not - or cannot - consent. It includes rape, sodomy, and unwanted sexual contact that is aggravated, abusive, or wrongful. Sexual Assault is a crime and will not be tolerated. The Command will respond to any allegation of sexual assault seriously. Where cause exists, appropriate legal or administrative action will be taken against the violator AND anyone who either failed to report or ignored the sexual assault.

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity and respect. Per MCO 1752.5C, victims of sexual assault may choose to file one of two types of reports - restricted or unrestricted.

- A **restricted report** allows the victim to report the assault confidentially while still receiving medical treatment, advocacy and emotional/psychological counseling support services. The victim's report (including the information acquired from a SAFE Kit) provided to either healthcare personnel, SARCs, or SAPR VAs will NOT be reported to either law enforcement or the Command to initiate the official investigative process unless the victim consents or exercises an established exception. Victims can make restricted reports to SAPR Victim Advocates (VAs); Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs); military installation healthcare providers (HCP); Chaplains, Victim Legal Counsel (VLC); and the MCB Pendleton's Sexual Assault 24/7 Support Line - (760) 500-1707.

- An **unrestricted report** allows a victim to receive medical treatment, advocacy, and emotional/psychological counseling support services, while initiating an official law enforcement investigation with the support of the Command. An unrestricted report can be made to law enforcement authorities, SAPR VAs, SARCs, HCPs, the Command, Chaplains, and the MCB Pendleton's Sexual Assault 24/7 Support Line. Although the Victim's identity will not remain confidential, individuals will exercise care to ensure that they only release sensitive information to those with an actual need-to-know (i.e. unit commanders and investigating authorities).

Sexual assault is counter to our Corps Values, undermines our moral strength and resolve, and degrades our combat readiness. There are no innocent bystanders. All Marines and Sailors of 11th Marines have the responsibility to be alert, prevent, intervene, and report.

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