

# COMMANDING OFFICER'S SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY



Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat of force or abuse of authority; or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault is a crime that is not restricted to any gender, race, or age. MCO 1752.5A contains guidance for identifying, reporting, and addressing the issue of sexual assault.

Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Failing to report sexual assault incidents may have damaging consequences for victims, potential future victims, and the integrity and morale of the unit.

If you are a victim of sexual assault, contact a Uniformed Victim Advocate or civilian Victim Advocate immediately to receive assistance. Victims have the option to make either a restricted report or an unrestricted report, and can receive services and medical care in either case. Where cause exists, appropriate legal or administrative action will be taken against perpetrators.

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, decency, and respect. Victim safety is paramount at all times. Victims will receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services. Care will be given to ensure that the identity of a victim of sexual assault is released only to those who have a need to know (i.e. the unit commander, Provost Marshal's Office, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service). Victims who choose to make a restricted report will have that choice honored to the fullest extent. Victims who have the courage to report must feel confident that their personal safety will be protected and that they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Marines and Sailors who are sexually assaulted are physically, mentally, and emotionally traumatized and wounded. They must be treated with sensitivity and caring.

Alcohol use is frequently cited in sexual assault incidents. Consumption of alcohol can place a Marine or Sailor at risk. It is imperative that Marines and Sailors take care of each other and not allow a fellow Marine or Sailor to be victimized due to intoxication.

Leaders at all levels will become familiar with the policies established by Headquarters Marine Corps. All Marines and Sailors of MALS-14 will be briefed on the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program and will receive annual refresher training.

Sexual assault is a complete and total contradiction to the core values that we hold so dear. As such, perpetrators will be held accountable and prosecuted to the maximum extent of the law. Eliminating sexual assault will take a dedicated community effort. I challenge each leader and individual to accept responsibility for achieving this goal. Our Marines, Sailors, and family members deserve nothing less than our complete dedication to this cause.

Semper Fidelis,



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