

# Marine Attack Squadron 231

## Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

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Sexual assault is a complete and total contradiction to the core values that we hold so dear. It is a crime and will not be tolerated. If you live by the high standards of moral and ethical excellence that I expect, the Corps expects, and society expects, then this should never be a problem. Unfortunately, there are those who have failed to adhere to what it means to be a Marine. Therefore, we must talk about it and take a dedicated stand to eliminate sexual assault.

Every Marine and Sailor in this command has the responsibility to prevent sexual assault. This includes protecting yourself and standing guard for others. Just as you would step in to protect your fellow service member in combat, you must do the same in all situations that life presents you. Speak up, step in, and ask for help.

No matter what the scenario, it must be prevented.

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, decency and respect. They will receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services. Victims who choose to make a restricted report will have the choice honored to the fullest extent. When unrestricted reports are made 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. Victims who have the courage to report must feel confident that their personal safety will be protected. Victim safety is paramount at all times. All members of the squadron shall not let them be re-victimized.

Where cause exists, appropriate legal and/or administrative action will be taken against violators. All reported incidents will be fully investigated and adjudicated swiftly, justly, and in accordance with the UCMJ.

I challenge each leader and individual to accept the responsibility of eliminating the crime. Have the courage to take action, act honorably at all times, and most of all, respect and look out for one another.

*The Marine Corps policy has been issued to us in the following order:  
**MCO 1752.5B.***

*Semper Fidelis*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. A. Truog'.

P. A. Truog  
Commanding Officer