



SEXUAL ASSAULT

Sexual assault is a crime. It is defined as intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, and 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 attempt to commit these acts. As Marines, we are called upon to uphold our core values of honor, courage, and commitment which form the bedrock of our Warrior Ethos. Our Moral Compass – Prudence, Courage, Temperance, and Justice is formed as a function of that ethos and is what distinguishes our excellence and preserves the moral qualities of our Nation. The crime of sexual assault is completely incompatible with who we are as Marines and our role as the Nation's protectors.

I will not tolerate this crime and the attitudes which lead to it. MTACS-18 will maintain its stature as a learning environment where all Marines are treated with the dignity and respect earned after receiving the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor.

Those who are sexually assaulted are physically, mentally, and emotionally traumatized. Victims who choose to make a restricted report will have their choice honored to the fullest extent. They can be confident that I will ensure their personal privacy, safety, dignity, and they will not be re-victimized by a failure in our handling of the situation. Victims who choose to initiate an unrestricted report, can be assured that I will use all required resources to investigate the crime.

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, please notify one of the Uniformed Victim Advocates. They are charged with ensuring you get the appropriate support and care you deserve.


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