



Commanding Officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron-172 Substance Abuse Policy

Substance abuse, including excessive consumption of alcohol to the point of intoxication, is a detriment to our combat readiness, discipline, morale, and is contrary to our Core Values. It destroys the health of our Marines and Sailors, their careers, and eventually their families.

If you test positive for illegal drug use you will be charged and punished under the UCMJ and expeditiously processed for separation from the Corps. Marine Wing Support Squadron 172's policy is ZERO TOLERANCE for the use, possession, trafficking or distribution of any illegal and banned substances. Prohibited substances are all forms of illegal drugs, synthetic marijuana, also known as Spice, and other synthetic substances used to induce intoxication, excitement or stupefaction of the central nervous system. Also included are all forms of non-prescribed steroids, several of which are wrongly advertised as "legal steroids" or other such body-building supplements.



All members of this command will strictly adhere to the regulations set forth in MCO 5300.17, which includes periodic urinalysis testing and random health and comfort inspections of the barracks. Additionally, smoking in any federal workplace, including inside the barracks is a violation of MCO 5100.28 and other federal regulations. Thus, smoking in the barracks or tampering with smoke detectors may be sufficient probable cause to warrant a search and request for a urinalysis.

All levels of leadership must serve as models of responsible behavior and reinforce the Marine Corps' policies on the use of illegal substances and excessive alcohol consumption. Further, we will deglamorize irresponsible alcohol consumption and prevent public intoxication incidents that undermine our Core Values and public perception.

We will ensure that non-alcoholic alternatives and food are available at all social functions, and hold those accountable who abuse alcohol and drink to intoxication. Where prevention, identification, education, and rehabilitation/treatment fail, administrative or disciplinary action must be utilized.

The Squadron Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO), Staff Sergeant Steven Saitta is ready to aid those who need assistance. You may reach him at steven.saitta@usmc.mil or (DSN) 645- 2668.


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