



SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Commanding General's Policy Statement



The goal of the SAPR policy in 1st MAW is to eliminate unprofessional behavior that wrongly sets the conditions which enable sexual assault, to ensure due process for offenders, to provide appropriate and sensitive care for victims, and to reduce the negative effect sexual assault has on 1st MAW combat readiness and our ability to fight. Sexual assault is a crime incompatible with our values and who we are. Every member of the Wing must be aware of what actions constitute sexual assault, the consequences of such behavior, and possess the necessary tools to act and report appropriately when witnessing situations or behavior likely to result in sexual assault. It is every Marine, Sailor, and Civilian Marine's inherent duty to step up and step in to prevent sexual assault. We will ensure victims are protected, treated with dignity and respect, and provided support, advocacy and care.


How does this impact your ability to fight?

The intangible components of combat power, such as cohesion, trust, morale, fighting spirit, perseverance, or the effects of leadership, are key elements of the total destructive force we can bring to bear on an enemy at any given time. These components are absolutely essential in our aviation profession as well as our profession of arms. We rely day-in and day-out on the actions of others – each member of the team executing his or her skill to accomplish tasks, the sum of which lead to an up aircraft or piece of equipment, or to objective or mission accomplishment. This high degree of trust, respect for, and confidence in each other is just as important in normal day-to-day operations as it is during Crisis Response, Contingency, or Combat Operations. Unprofessional behavior and conditions that allow Sexual Assault to occur, exponentially degrade our ability to produce successful fighting units.

What do I want you to do?

1. Eliminate behavior that violates the Marine Corps ethos and core values, and tarnishes the prestige of the Marine Corps and 1st MAW.
2. Maintain a climate that is respectful to all.
3. When witnessing an actual or attempted physical or sexual assault upon another person, notify law enforcement immediately as well as your Chain of Command. Avoid questioning a victim about the incident unless required in the course of official duties. Victim safety and privacy are paramount.
4. Complete annual training on sexual assault prevention and awareness.
5. Never engage in commentary or publish content on social networking platforms or through other forms of communication that harm good order and discipline or that bring discredit upon yourself, your unit, 1st MAW, or the Marine Corps. Avoid actions online that threaten the morale, operational readiness and security, or public standing of your unit, or that compromise our core values.
6. Know what constitutes Sexual Assault. Know why Sexual Assault is a crime. Know the definition of consent. Know the available reporting options, exceptions and limitations of each option. Know the available military and civilian resources for victims. Know the distinction between sexual assault and sexual harassment and other types of sexual-related misconduct. Know the methods of prevention and risk reduction, to include bystander intervention.

References: MCO 1752.5B, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program; MARADMIN 008/17, Social Media Guidance – Unofficial Internet Posts


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