



SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Commanding General's Policy Statement

The mission of our Wing requires us to put hundreds of people in harm's way every day. The nature of this mission already poses risks to the health and safety of our Marines, and we cannot afford to increase risk beyond that which we already accept when we put on the uniform.

Anything that increases unnecessary risk to our Marines, such as the abuse of drugs or alcohol, cannot and will not be tolerated within our Wing.

Substance abuse is fundamentally detrimental to good order and discipline. Substance abuse is defined as the use of any drug, legal or illegal, that has an adverse impact on the readiness, welfare or operations of a command or individual. The term "substance abuse" includes the use of alcohol and illegal drugs such as marijuana, spice, and LSD, but also the abuse of prescribed medication or the use of otherwise-legal medication without a prescription.

Once identified as being involved with substance abuse or an alcohol-related incident, the Marine or Sailor will be sent to the unit Substance Abuse Control Officer for an initial screening, and will be referred for further treatment and counseling, as required per MCO 5300.17A.

In light of the serious risk substance abuse poses to our mission, any alcohol or drug-related incident will be thoroughly assessed, and administrative or disciplinary actions initiated, as appropriate.

If any Marine or Sailor feels he or she is heading toward a path of irresponsible, illegal, or unsafe substance use, I urge them to reach out to their unit Substance Abuse Control Officer to ensure that they receive help before an incident occurs. I expect every one of us to demonstrate the same initiative and courage in confronting substance abuse among ourselves and our peers that we expect of each other in every other aspect of our operations.

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