



## Commanding Officer's Policy Statement on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response



**Sexual assault is a criminal act that erodes unit cohesion, contradicts Marine Corps core values, and will not be tolerated.** Maintaining a safe, healthy environment is critical to **operational readiness**, and essential to supporting the well-being of our Marines, Sailors and their families. Our Sexual Assault and Prevention Response Victim Advocates (SAPR-VA) and Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC) are key resources, and are available to assist.

### Responsibilities of All Marines

All Marines will be familiar with MCO 1752.5C, and **immediately report all incidents of sexual assault** that come under observation (e.g., witness sexual assault).

- Treat each other with dignity and respect.
- Be an active bystander by intervening if possible and notifying law enforcement.
- Understand the two reporting options: **Restricted and Unrestricted**

### Restricted Report

A restricted report is a **confidential report** that enables the victim access to medical, informational and mental health services **without command or law enforcement** notification, and can be changed to Unrestricted at any time. Restricted Reporting options:

- SAPR-VA or SARC
- Victim's Legal Counsel (VLC)
- Healthcare provider
- Chaplain

### Unrestricted Report

The victim receives the same resources as with a Restricted Report, but the report carries an **official investigation**. Although not confidential, the victim's identity is **limited to those with "need to know"** (e.g. unit commander and investigators).

- Includes **law enforcement and the command**.
- Cannot be converted to a Restricted Report.

### Victims

**Victims of sexual assault shall be protected, treated with dignity and respect**, and shall receive timely access to medical treatment and mental health services. Victims are encouraged to report without fear of retaliation, reprisal, ostracism, or maltreatment.

- 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line for Okinawa is **645-HOPE or 098-970-HOPE**.
- MCB Camp Butler Chaplain 24/7 is 090-6861-4730.
- 1stMAW SARC is 636-2938/2532.

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