



Commanding Officer's **Policy on Sexual Assault**



Sexual assault is a criminal act and will not be tolerated within MACS-4. All allegations of sexual assault that are substantiated will be subject to punitive and administrative actions per the UCMJ. Sexual assault impedes our unit or member's morale, effectiveness, and efficiency, and impairs the ability of the Marine Corps to function smoothly. We have a responsibility as Marines and Sailors to eliminate sexual assault within the Corps, to assist those Marines, Sailors, and civilians affected by sexual assault, and to ensure that sexual assault victims are treated fairly, with dignity, and without prejudice. MACS-4 personnel will be familiar with MCO 1752.5B and the guidance published in its enclosures.

Victim safety is paramount at all times. They will be provided appropriate medical, emotional, and psychological services. Reporting an incident of sexual assault may be initiated via the following reports:

- A restricted report allows the victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotion/psychological counseling support services without notification of law enforcement or the command. A restricted report can be made to a Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA), Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Healthcare Provider (HCP), DoD Safe Helpline, or Sexual Assault 24/7 Help Line.
- An unrestricted report also allows a victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, emotional/psychological counseling support services, and an official investigation. An unrestricted report can be made to law enforcement authorities or the command, as well as to a UVA, HCP, Chaplain, DoD Safe Helpline, or the Sexual Assault Help Line.

All Marines, Sailors, and civilians need to be willing to speak out against sexual violence and to intervene when necessary. Doing nothing is not an option. Bystanders to potential sexual assaults must take decisive action to prevent incidents before they occur. To do otherwise would be contrary to our core values of honor, courage, and commitment.

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