



Commanding Officer's Policy Statement on Substance Abuse



Substance abuse of any kind is destructive and reduces the mission effectiveness of not only the abuser but of the unit. The goal of the MACG-18 Substance Abuse Policy is to ensure that all members of the Group and subordinate Squadrons understand how to obtain information. Every Marine has the obligation to look out for each other to stop potential abusive situations before they occur. Leadership is critical in the prevention of substance abuse, and leaders at all levels must ensure they are doing the right thing even when no one is looking, leading from the front, and following Marine Corps values.

Substance abuse shows that you cannot lead yourself, let alone others. Alcohol and other substances impair judgement and are addictive. The Group fosters productive off-duty activities that do not promote or glamorize alcohol. I am not against alcohol use, but I ask that you do it responsibly. The Group will educate and try to ensure that alcoholic beverages are not sold or served to Marines, Sailors, Civilians, or Family members under the legal drinking age. As a Group we will also strive to avoid the dishonorable self-destruction of:

- Under age consumption of alcohol
- Driving while intoxicated or under the influence
- Alcoholism
- Illegal drug use
- Illicit consumption and use of prescription or over-the-counter medications
- Ingestion, in any form, of industrial materials
- Prohibited use of household products
- Use of any banned substance such as, "Spice," or bath salts

If you have a substance abuse problem, know someone in the Group who does, or have a question regarding substance abuse, please contact SSgt Kim, the Group Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO) or you're squadron SACO. Let's do the right thing by leading from the front and taking care of our Marines and Sailors.

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