



## MARINE WING COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON 18 SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY



*"Sexual assault is intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent." – MCO 1752.5C*

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### **Sexual assault is a criminal act that goes against our Marine Corps core values and will not be tolerated.**

In order to maintain operational readiness, a respectful command climate with prevention-focused leadership is the standard. Our Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates (SAPR-VA) and Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARC) are key resources that are available 24/7.

#### Responsibilities of All Marines.

- Treat each other with the utmost dignity and respect.
- Receive fiscal year SAPR training, facilitated by the squadron's SAPR-VAs.
- Be an active bystander and intervene.
- Mandated reporters are only: witnesses and NCO's and above in the victim's chain of command.
- Understand the two reporting options: *Restricted and Unrestricted.*

#### Restricted Reporting

Allows sexual assault victims to *confidentially* disclose incident details to select individuals, and receive medical treatment/emergency care and counseling *without triggering an official investigation* (e.g., no command or law enforcement notification). The victim may elect to convert a Restricted Report to an Unrestricted Report at any time.

Restricted reports are filed via the following:

- SAPR-VA, SARC, Victim's Legal Counsel (VLC), healthcare personnel, chaplain

#### Unrestricted Reporting

Allows sexual assault victims to disclose an incident *without confidentiality* (official investigation); however, the victim's identity is limited to those with "need to know" (e.g., commanding officer and investigators).

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

#### Victim Care

*Victims of sexual assault shall be protected*, will receive timely medical care, and can report incidents without fear of retaliation, reprisal, ostracism, or maltreatment via the following:

- 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line for Okinawa is 645-HOPE or 098-970-HOPE
- 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line for Hawaii is 808-216-7175
- MCB Camp Butler Chaplain 24/7 is 090-6861-4730.
- DoD Safe Helpline is 877-995-5247
- 1st MAW SARC is Mr. May Willis at 636-2938/2532.
- Your Local SAPR VA

Semper Fidelis,

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