



# MAG-12 SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY STATEMENT

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We will be ready to **“fight and win tonight.”** For us to accomplish that we must protect those who make it happen: our Marines and Sailors. Every Commander and all leaders need to be familiar with MCO 1752.5B for sexual assault prevention, response, and accountability.

-**“Sexual assault is a crime that is incompatible with our core values of honor, courage, and commitment.** It is an affront to the basic American principles we so bravely defend. Sexual assault goes against everything we claim to be as Marines. It is a crime.”

-“Every Marine must be aware of what actions constitute sexual assault, the consequences of such behavior, and possess the necessary tools to act appropriately when witnessing situations or behavior likely to result in a sexual assault.”

-Sexual assault is defined as: “Intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, forcible sodomy (oral or anal sex), and other unwanted sexual contact that is aggravated, abusive, or wrongful (including unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact), or attempts to commit these acts.”

-“Leadership is the key to sexual assault prevention, response and appropriate offender accountability....**It is every Marine’s inherent duty to Step Up, Step In, and Take A Stand to prevent sexual assault.**”

-All victims will be treated with dignity, fairness, and respect and will have access to appropriate assistance. SARC’s, UVAs, Chaplains, Healthcare personnel, and Marine & Family Program Personnel are ready to provide intervention support and support services to victims.

-See your UVA for questions on reporting options (restricted and unrestricted). Except for extreme cases, UVA’s have confidentiality and have been trained to help all Marines and Sailors receive the help they need.

-“All supervisors in the victims chain of command, officer and enlisted, are required to take appropriate measures to **protect the victim from retaliation, reprisal, ostracism, and maltreatment** in unrestricted reports.”

-If you need more information on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, please contact the MAG-12 UVA (DSN: 253-5740, Cell: 090-9977-3845) or the 1<sup>st</sup> MAW SARC (DSN: 636-2938, Cell: 080-1385-7186). If you’re a victim of sexual assault and need assistance, please contact the 24/7 sexual assault support lines (DSN: 645-4673, Cell: 098-970-6673) or DoD Safe Helpline (1-877-995-5247).

-Engaged leadership, bystander intervention, and maintaining a command climate of respect and concern for all are keys to sexual assault prevention and response.

Sexual assault erodes our ability at MAG-12 to “fight and win tonight.”

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Semper Fidelis,

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