

MARINE WING SUPPORT SQUADRON 171
MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP 12
1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING



Substance Abuse Policy

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Enduring Policy Objectives

- ☛ Enhance mission readiness and overall health
- ☛ Enhance wellness and safety of Marines, Sailors, and our families
- ☛ Promote low risk and no risk alcohol use
- ☛ Advocate proper use of prescription and over-the counter medicines
- ☛ Eliminate illicit drug use through outreach, training, and education
- ☛ REF: MCO 5300.17A Marine Corps Substance Abuse Program



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Sentinels, alcohol and drug misuse degrades combat readiness. Our approach to meet our enduring policy objectives blends simplicity and pragmatism:

- We eliminate any behaviors/activities that make us less ready to accomplish the mission
- We uphold our core values. If something brings discredit upon the Navy and Marine Corps, don't do it
- We work to increase loyalty and pride in/enthusiasm for the command

MWSS-171 will not tolerate alcohol or drug misuse. All Sentinels must confront team members when their actions deviate from our standards. Some operational requirements require Marines and Sailors to take risks to get the job done. This should never happen with alcohol or drugs. Take care of each other. Make sound risk decisions.

Prevention

- Training and Education. Our best resource to prepare our Marines and Sailors to mitigate impacts of substance misuse. We will resource personnel to make responsible decisions if/when consuming alcohol
- If we reduce/prevent substance abuse, we increase overall unit readiness. Focused warfighters have established healthy/safe alternatives to alcohol or drug misuse

Rehabilitation. The MWSS-171 Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO) will assist personnel struggling with substance misuse with initial screening, referral, treatment, and subsequent evaluation. Leaders will encourage personnel to seek assistance and support compliance with recommended/directed treatment plans.

Zero Tolerance. Personnel who violate provisions of this policy will face administrative and/or disciplinary action under the UCMJ. Substantiated violations of this policy include: manufacturing, trafficking and distribution of illegal/banned substances, and unauthorized use of prescription drugs.

Pro-Tips

- Underage personnel. Don't consume alcohol
- Don't distribute alcohol to underage personnel
- Don't manufacture, purchase, distribute, or consume illegal drugs
- Do the right thing. Report those who fail to uphold the standard. Stay focused and prepared for crisis

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In Omnia Paratus,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. A. Godfrey'.

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