



Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152 Sexual Assault Policy

Commander's Intent: Sexual assault is the “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 is a crime! It goes against our Marine Corps values and erodes the trust and support of our Sumo community. These actions directly impact the members of our community and will undoubtedly affect our mission.

I charge all Sumos to always promote a climate of professional behavior to ensure we maintain a respectful workplace where everyone feels safe and included as a member of our team. As active bystanders, we will intervene if we see inappropriate sexual behavior, we will ensure everyone understands this type of behavior is not tolerated, and we will immediately report any act of attempted or actual sexual assault.

As Sumos, we will handle all reports of sexual assault in accordance with MCO 1752.5C and DoD policy. We will investigate reported acts of sexual assault and will hold those found guilty accountable. We will ensure victims are not identified without their consent or in a manner inconsistent with policy and ensure victims have options to report incidents consistent with their desires.

According to DoD policy, victims can file a Restricted Report even if the allegation has been inadvertently/previously disclosed to command; the matter has been reported to law enforcement by anyone other than the victim; an investigation has been initiated, is in progress, or has been closed. A Restricted Report does not preclude the command or law enforcement from investigating suspected sexual assault. DoD Policy also allows victims to make Restricted Reports at all times, except when:

- The victim has personally reported the incident to law enforcement.
- The victim has previously filed an Unrestricted Report (with a signed DD Form 2910) for the same incident.

Sumos, it is imperative we place the utmost importance on the protection and integrity of our community of Marines and Sailors by providing confidentiality, positive support, reporting options, and resources to any victim of sexual assault. We will ensure any victim of sexual assault will always be treated fairly, with dignity and sensitivity, and without prejudice ensuring they are empowered to determine what support and resources they need.

If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance involving sexual assault, please contact one of our Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates (SAPR VAs), the MAG-12 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), the Chaplain/medical, or call MCAS Iwakuni (24/7) Sexual Assault Helpline at 080-5865-3566 or the DoD Safe Helpline at 1-877-995-5247 (www.safehelpline.org). This helpline is free, confidential, accessible 24/7, and directs you to the nearest sexual assault service provider and your installation SAPR Program.

Semper Fidelis.

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