



SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

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The abuse of alcohol, misuse of prescription and over-the-counter medicines, and use of illicit substances degrade combat readiness by impairing your physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Substance abuse also undermines morale and good order and discipline.

My intent is for Marines to seek assistance for substance-related problems without fear of stigma or reprisal. Recognition of a substance-related problem is the first step to recovery. Owning up to it and seeking assistance is the next step. The command's first priority is your well-being. If you feel you may have a substance-related problem, see the Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO).

Nevertheless, discovery of surreptitious abuse or misuse of substances is subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and other Department of Navy and Marine Corps directives. Hiding the problem and not seeking assistance points to larger issues that must also be dealt with appropriately.

The primary purpose of the Marine Corps Substance Abuse Program is to enhance mission readiness and the overall health, wellness, and safety of Marines and their family members. Substance misuse prevention promotes low risk and no risk alcohol use, advocates the proper use of prescription and over-the-counter medicines, and seeks to eliminate illicit drug use through outreach, training, and education.

The command's role in the Marine Corps Substance Abuse Program is:

- Prevention
 - Leadership
 - Universal Education via Unit Marine Awareness Prevention Integrated Training (UMAPIT)
- Deterrence
 - Urinalysis Drug Testing
 - Alcohol Screening
- Identification
- Referral to Substance Abuse Counseling Center (SACC)
- Administrative (includes Aftercare coordination)

Substance abuse or misuse is like taking the "blue pill" from the 1999 film *The Matrix*. It creates a false reality. It is the denial of truth and freedom.

LIVE YOUR LIFE WITH ALL ITS PERILS AND RICHNESS.

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Semper Fidelis,

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