

**Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group – 36**  
**Hazing Policy**

**Hazing** degrades trust, esprit de corps, unit cohesion, and readiness. I expect every Marine and Sailor within MAG-36 to read and follow the guidance in MCO 1700.28B, which defines hazing as **conduct that causes a service member to suffer or be exposed to an activity that is cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful**. Hazing need not involve physical contact among or between military members. It may be verbal or psychological in nature. Actual or implied consent to acts of hazing does not eliminate culpability of the perpetrator.



The **ONLY** initiation in the Marine Corps comes through your graduation at either Officer's Candidate School (OCS) or boot camp. Any other type of initiation, regardless of what you are told, or believe is necessary to "belong" in your unit, is not only prohibited but a **direct violation** of a Marine Corps Order.

Leaders at all levels must remain vigilant for the signs of hazing. Hate, prejudice, discrimination or harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. Hazing has no place in our Corps. Incidents of hazing erode good order and discipline and undermine the trust and confidence of the public and our fellow Marines.

**Hazing, in any of its forms, will not be tolerated in this MAG, and substantiated allegations of hazing will be dealt with swiftly and appropriately!**

If you witness or suspect hazing, take action and contact someone in your chain of command immediately. Failure to report a hazing incident can send the message that it is condoned and those who fail to report will also be subject to disciplinary actions.

Point of contact for this policy is the MAG-36 Executive Officer at DSN 636-5261.

  
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