



**Marine Wing Support
Squadron 373
Marine Aircraft Group 11**



**Substance Abuse
Policy**

There is no place for any form of alcohol abuse or use of illegal drugs in our Corps. Alcohol and drug abuse hurts our Marine Corps family, undermines our core values, and can cause useless loss of life. Marines and Sailors of MWSS-373 are disciplined professionals singularly focused on mission accomplishment. Involvement with any form of illegal drug activity or irresponsible consumption of alcohol prevents the required level of commitment necessary of our profession. This type of undisciplined and unprofessional behavior is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The Marine Corps program for Substance Abuse is governed by MCO 5300.17. Key elements of the Marine Corps Substance Abuse program include prevention, timely identification, education, treatment, or administrative actions followed by either restoration to full duty or separation, as appropriate.

The use of illegal or unauthorized prescription drugs – or any substance designed or taken to provide a “high” – breaks faith with our core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment. I will ruthlessly enforce the Marine Corps standard of ZERO tolerance. Anyone found guilty of using, possessing, or selling illegal drugs or other mind-altering substances (such as “spice”) or illegally using, misusing, or selling prescription drugs will be punished in accordance with the UCMJ and immediately processed for administrative separation.

Drink responsibly – Alcohol consumption is completely permissible....when done so within the framework of the law (21yrs of age and older) and when done so responsibly. Drink in moderation and stay in control of your actions. Bad things happen when people drink too much. Make and stick to a plan. There are many options available: appoint a designated driver, plan to take a cab, or call me. No Marine or Sailor within this command has a reason for drinking and driving.

Every Marine has a moral and professional obligation to report known or suspected violations of this policy to the chain of command or via the “anymouse” program. If you have questions, contact the MWSS-373 Substance Abuse Control Officer at 858-577-6069 or come by and see me – I am always available.

Semper Fidelis,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bradley W. Ward".

Bradley W. Ward

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