



# Sexual Assault Prevention & Response



**SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A CRIME.** Sexual assault is not restricted to any sex, race, age, spousal or intimate partner relationship and is defined in MCO 1752.5C as intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, physical threat of force, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault can occur regardless of the gender, race, age, or relationship status (spousal or dating) of the victim. Sexual assault is a crime and will be prosecuted to the full extent of the UCMJ/law – it is not in accordance with our Corps Values and has no place in our Marine Corps. “Consent” shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance; consent cannot be given when a person uses force, threat of force, or coercion, or when the victim is asleep, unconscious, or otherwise incompetent.

It is our responsibility to take care of one another by cultivating a climate of respect and engaging in **prevention-focused leadership**. All victims shall have full access to counseling and medical services and will be treated with decency, fairness, and respect. If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, go to a safe location and contact a Victim Advocate to file a restricted or unrestricted report.

**Restricted Report.** Allows the victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy and emotional or psychological counseling support services without notification to law enforcement or the command. A Restricted Report can be made to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), SAPR Victim Advocate (VA), Healthcare Provider (HCP), DoD Safe Helpline 24/7 (877-995-5247), or the MCAS Camp Pendleton 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line (760-500-1707).

**Expanded Eligibility to File Restricted Reports.** Victims are eligible to file a Restricted Report providing they did not personally report the sexual assault incident to law enforcement, to include MCIOs, and they did not previously elect to make an Unrestricted Report by signing a DD Form 2910 with a SARC or SAPR VA regarding the same sexual assault incident. Victims covered by DoDI 649.02, Volume 1 are eligible to file Restricted Reports **even if:** (a) they disclosed the sexual assault incident to their commander or to personnel within their chain of command, or (b) there is an ongoing MCIO investigation into the sexual assault incident initiated by a third party and not due to the victim’s disclosure to law enforcement, or (c) the MCIO investigation into the sexual assault incident has been closed.

**Unrestricted Report.** An unrestricted report allows a victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy and emotional/psychological counseling support services as well as an official investigation. An unrestricted report can be made to either law enforcement authorities or the command, as well as to a SAPR VA or SARC. Although the victim’s identity will not remain confidential, care will be given to ensure that information is released only to those with an actual need-to-know. Be aware that medical professionals are mandatory reporters in the state of California regarding sexual assault.

HMLA-267 **DOES NOT TOLERATE** sexual assault in any capacity. Such activity contradicts Marine Corps values and is inconsistent with the professional and personal standards required of HMLA-267 Marines and Sailors. As Stingers, we maintain a personal commitment to maintaining a healthy environment that is safe and contributes to our well-being and mission accomplishment.

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**Anytime. Anywhere.**