

COMMANDING OFFICER'S SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY

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Sexual assault is a crime. This command will have ZERO TOLERANCE for Sexual Assault. As a team, we must have the moral courage to stand up for what is right and always adhere to the values that distinguish us as Marines and Sailors. I expect and require every member of HMH-465 to foster and promote an environment where everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

MCO 1752.5C outlines the Marine Corps Sexual Assault Policy. Sexual assault is the intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threats and intimidation, abuse of authority or when the victim does not, or cannot consent. Sexual assault is prejudicial to good order and discipline, and destroys the trust in each other on which accomplishing our mission depends.

Recognize situations that might lead to sexual assault. Take preventative measures to reduce the likelihood of an incident to occur. Take care of each other and don't be a bystander.

If you are a victim of sexual assault, the Marine Corps will support you. Make sure you seek out help. **Assistance is available through these methods:**

- Warhorse Uniform Victim Advocates (UVAs)
- MAG-16 Chaplains
- Victim Legal Counsel
- 3d MAW Sexual Assault Response Coordinator
- MCAS Miramar 24/7 Sexual Assault Helpline at 858-864-2815
- DoD Safe Helpline at 877-995-5247

You will be afforded the opportunity to file a restricted or unrestricted report depending on the level of command and legal involvement you wish. You will be treated with the sensitivity, dignity, and respect you deserve.



Lieutenant Colonel Andrew M. Baxter
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