



Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Policy



SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A CRIME. Sexual assault is not restricted to any gender, race, age, spousal or intimate partner relationship and is defined in MCO 1752.5C as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, forcible sodomy (oral or anal sex), and other unwanted sexual contact that is aggravated, abusive, or wrongful (including unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault is a criminal act that differs from sexual harassment and falls outside the purview of equal opportunity.

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. HMLA-267 is predicated on mutual respect and trust that recognizes and embraces diversity, and values contributions by all members. Stingers have a personal commitment to maintaining a healthy environment that is safe and contributes to our well-being and mission accomplishment. Collectively, we must monitor the organization's climate and respond with appropriate action toward any negative trends that may emerge. Those who would violate our core values by participating in or advocating such behavior are attacking our unit cohesion and eroding our ability to accomplish our mission.

This command will ensure that victims of sexual assault are treated with dignity and respect and shall receive timely access to comprehensive medical treatment, to include emergency treatment and mental health services. This command will minimize the probability of re-victimization by ensuring victims and alleged offenders do not remain in the same work and/or living area, protect the victim's privacy to the maximum extent possible, limit access to documents identifying victims, and foster a command environment that encourages reporting of sexual assaults without fear of reprisal.

Leadership, education, training, awareness, and intervention are the keys to eliminating sexual assault. Every member of this Squadron who witnesses physical, sexual, or verbal assault shall take appropriate action to stop the activity and to report it immediately to your chain of command.

Additional information and means of assistance are available through HMLA-267's Uniformed Victim Advocates (UVAs), the MAG-39 Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) – CWO2 Kyle Gray, the Camp Pendleton 24/7 SAPR Support Line at (760) 500-1707, the DoD Safe Helpline at (877) 995-5247, the 3D MAW Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), the 3D MAW Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program SOPs (WingO 1752.1B), and the Marine Corps' *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program* (MCO 1752.5C).

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