

# Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Policy



## Marine Wing Support Squadron 373 Marine Air Control Group 38



Sexual assault is an abhorrent crime and not compatible with Marine Corps values. We do not tolerate sexual assault, period.

The Department of Defense defines sexual assault as "intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent." The reference, MCO 1752.5C, contains guidance for identifying, reporting, and addressing sexual assault incidents.

We belong to a warfighting organization whose purpose is to fight our nation's wars. We all take an oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Trust is an integral part of how we function. Every day, we trust our lives to one another to accomplish our mission. Sexual assault degrades our trust and our ability to be warfighters.

As professional warfighters, we each have an active role to cultivate respectful climates that focuses on preventing sexual assault, on and off duty. Every Marine and Sailor must be an active leader in preventing and reporting incidents of sexual assault. We cannot be apathetic bystanders when any crime is committed. We all have a responsibility to hold each other accountable even when it is least convenient.

Our Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocates are trained individuals that can provide support at any time of the day. Law enforcement agencies, medical personnel, chaplains, or leadership are also capable of assisting victims or witnesses. Retaliation, ostracism, or discrimination are contrary to our ethos in any circumstance including sexual assault instances.

We will provide unabated respect and support to victims of sexual assault that includes any medical, mental, and social services. We will be judicious stewards of victim identities and information. We will ensure trust and integrity remain solid foundations in all our decisions and assistance. I charge all personnel to remain vigilant in preventing sexual assault and reporting any suspected sexual assault incidents they witness or are informed of by those in their immediate chain of command.

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