



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Policy

Sexual assault is defined 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 is a crime and is not compatible with Marine Corps values. It will not be tolerated and those guilty will be held accountable and prosecuted to the maximum extent allowed by the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Our best defense against this threat is prevention. **Take care of our people.** I expect you to intervene appropriately. I encourage anyone aware of an incident to report to it. I will not allow those who report to become victims of retaliation or maltreatment.

In the event an assault occurs, there are two methods of reporting the incident:

Unrestricted reporting allows a Marine who is sexually assaulted to report the assault and receive support, advocacy, medical treatment, and counseling with a law enforcement investigation and the support of the chain of command.

Restricted reporting affords military victims of sexual assault the option to make a confidential report to specified individuals (Sexual Assault Response Coordinators [SARC] and Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates [SAPR VA]), and receive support, advocacy, medical treatment, and counseling without a law enforcement investigation.

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with compassion and respect. If you feel you are a victim of sexual assault, do not hesitate to contact any of the following resources:

- **24/7 Sexual Assault Line: (858) 864-2815 / (858) 837-1018**
- **Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC): (858) 864-2926**
- **Chaplain: (858) 307-4443 / (407) 952-2821**
- **Victims Legal Counsel (VLC): (703) 232-3487**
- **DOD Safe Helpline: (877) 995-5247**
- **VMFAT-502 SAPR VA: Maj Labruzzo (858) 307-1232 or Sgt Sweeney (630) 930-6455**

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