



MARINE CORPS SYSTEMS COMMAND SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (SAPR) POLICY STATEMENT



Marine Corps Systems Command does not tolerate sexual assault. Perpetrators of any form of sexual assault will be subject to appropriate adverse action up to and including removal from service.

Sexual assault is a serious crime that can have a detrimental impact on mental and physical health. It involves intentional sexual contact achieved through force, the threat of force, coercion, abuse of authority, or when the victim is otherwise unable to give consent. Consent is not present when a victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious; consent is not given simply because the victim does not physically resist. Sexual assault can occur regardless of sex, marital status, or age.

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, decency, and respect and receive appropriate medical, emotional, and psychological treatment with assistance from social services. The identity of a victim will be released only to those who have a need-to-know. Victim safety and rights are always paramount.

Reporting an incident of sexual assault may be initiated via the following methods:

A Restricted Report permits the victim to receive medical, advocacy, and emotional/psychological counseling support services without involving law enforcement or their superiors. They can reach out to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), SAPR Victim Advocate (VA), Healthcare Provider (HCP), DoD Safe Helpline 24/7 (877- 995-5247), or Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico Sexual Assault 24/7 Helpline (703-432-9999). The victim's identity will be kept confidential, and the report will not be shared with law enforcement or their command.

An Unrestricted Report enables a victim to access medical, advocacy, and emotional/psychological counseling services and prompts an official investigation. An Unrestricted Report can be filed with law enforcement authorities or the command SARC, SAPR VA, HCP, DoD Safe Helpline, and MCINCR MCB-Quantico Sexual Assault Helpline (listed above). While the victim's identity will not remain confidential, efforts will be made to ensure that information is disclosed only to those with a need-to-know (e.g., unit commander and investigating authorities).

Every member of Marine Corps Systems Command is expected to actively speak against sexual violence and intervene when necessary. It is our collective responsibility to help victims of sexual assault find the support and assistance needed. Together, through our united efforts, we can keep each other safe and maintain an environment with zero tolerance for sexual assault.

For additional assistance or information, please contact Mrs. Esther Akinbowale at (703)432-3922 or (571) 545-1910, esther.akinbowale@usmc.mil, or at her office in 2200 Lester St on Hospital Point on Marine Corps Base Quantico.

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