



SEXUAL ASSAULT

SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A CRIME. IT IS DEFINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AS INTENTIONAL SEXUAL CONTACT, CHARACTERIZED BY THE USE OF FORCE, PHYSICAL THREAT OF FORCE, OR ABUSE OF AUTHORITY; OR WHEN THE VICTIM DOES NOT OR CANNOT CONSENT. IT IS NOT RESTRICTED TO ANY GENDER, RACE, OR AGE. IT IS INCONSISTENT WITH OUR CORPS VALUES AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THIS COMMAND. IT INFLECTS INCALCULABLE HARM ON VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES, IT DESTROYS TRUST AMONG INDIVIDUALS AND FAITH IN OUR INSTITUTIONS, AND IT WILL SEVERELY DEGRADE OUR MISSION EFFECTIVENESS.

THOSE WHO COMMIT CRIMES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT BETRAY NOT ONLY THEIR VICTIMS, BUT THEIR FELLOW MARINES AND SAILORS WHO TRUST IN THEM. WHERE CAUSE EXISTS, SWIFT APPROPRIATE LEGAL AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST OFFENDERS. FAILURE TO REPORT OR IGNORING SEXUAL ASSAULT INCIDENTS WILL HAVE DAMAGING CONSEQUENCES FOR THE VICTIM AND THE COMMAND AS A WHOLE.

VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT WILL BE TREATED WITH SENSITIVITY, DECENCY, AND RESPECT. THEY WILL RECEIVE APPROPRIATE MEDICAL, EMOTIONAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICES, AND CARE WILL BE GIVEN TO ENSURE THAT THE IDENTITY OF A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IS RELEASED ONLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE A NEED TO KNOW. PER THE MARINE CORPS ORDER ON SEXUAL ASSAULT, MCO 1752.5A, ALL VICTIMS HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE A RESTRICTED OR UNRESTRICTED REPORT WHICH WILL BE MANAGED IN STRICT ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDER. VICTIMS MUST KNOW THAT THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY WILL BE PROTECTED AND THAT THEY WILL NOT BE RE-VICTIMIZED BY THE COMMAND.

ALL MARINES AND SAILORS WITHIN THE 11TH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM. ALL STAFF SECTION OICS AND SNOICIS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SECTIONS RECEIVE ANNUAL REFRESHER TRAINING ON SEXUAL ASSAULT. MARINE CORPS COMMUNITY SERVICES (MARINE & FAMILY SERVICES) AND UNIT VICTIM ADVOCATES WILL PROVIDE TRAINING AS WELL AS ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT.

TO REPORT THE CRIME OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN A CONFIDENTIAL MANNER CONTACT OUR UNIT SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE COORDINATOR, CAPT P. A. BUCKHAHN AT (760) 274-3063; ONE OF OUR UNIT UNIFORMED VICTIM ADVOCATES; A CIVILIAN VICTIM ADVOCATE THROUGH THE CAMP PENDLETON HELPLINE AT (760) 500-1707; OR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SAFE HELPLINE AT (877) 995-5247.

WE IN THE 11TH MEU WILL BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING:

- ASK YOURSELF IF WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS LEGAL, MORAL OR ETHICAL.
- WE WILL BE BRILLIANT IN THE BASICS, AND WE WILL BE EXCEPTIONAL.
- WE WILL ALWAYS BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, AND NEVER PART OF THE PROBLEM.
- WE WILL BE BETTER ON FRIDAY THAN WE WERE ON MONDAY, AND BETTER ON MONDAY THAN WE WERE THE PREVIOUS FRIDAY.


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