



**COMMANDER'S  
SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION &  
RESPONSE  
POLICY STATEMENT**



**Sexual assault is a crime that is completely incompatible with our core values of HONOR, COURAGE and COMMITMENT. It is an affront to the basic American principles we so bravely defend. Sexual assault goes against everything we claim to be as Marines. It is a crime.**

**- Marine Corps Order (MCO) 1752.5C**

Nothing is more important than our people and we owe it to them to make sure we care for them properly and treat them with dignity and respect at all times. Sexual assault violates this principle. The Intelligence Support Battalion (ISB) policy is clear: sexual assault BY anyone, TO anyone will not be condoned or tolerated. This is a zero tolerance policy. This is, and will remain, a top priority for all members of this Battalion.

To be clear, sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual conduct characterized by the use of force, physical threat of force, or abuse of authority when the victim does not or cannot consent. MCO 1752.5C is the governing authority for identifying, reporting, and otherwise addressing issues associated with sexual assault.


All victims of sexual assault will be treated with fairness, dignity and respect. Every Marine must ensure that the needs of victims are compassionately met, and victims are quickly advised of their rights, options, and the resources available for their support. Leaders of all ranks will quickly refer allegations of sexual assault through the chain of command; no leader will slow this process by conducting independent investigation, and no leader will voice any opinion on the allegation or victim...this is not your role. Similarly, this Command will not tolerate any reprisals against victims alleging sexual assault.


Despite there being a zero tolerance for sexual assault, there is nothing in this policy that should be interpreted as directing or implying a particular outcome in any case. Every case will be resolved on its own facts and with the application of due process under law.

Sexual assault awareness and prevention training will be annually provided to all ISB personnel. Training will focus on prevention education, risk factor awareness, reporting procedures, how to avoid becoming a victim, appropriate behavior, the correlation between sexual assault and alcohol, and victim support.

If you are a victim of sexual assault, please contact your local or site support Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA), or call the **MARFORRES Sexual Assault Support Line at (877) 432-2215**. These highly trained UVAs are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They will ensure you receive prompt assistance and access to resources and options that will help you in your steps to recovery. They will also explain your reporting options – Restricted or Unrestricted – and guide you through the process with military, law enforcement, and/or medical personnel, as applicable to your choices.

No training or policy, by itself, can effect change...it takes the constant vigilance and moral courage from each member of this command, combined with the dedicated leadership of the NCOs, SNCOs, and officers, to eliminate this divisive problem.

  
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