



Commanding Officers
Sexual Assault Prevention Policy
Call DoD safe Helpline at (877) 995-5247 from any
NIPR DSN Phone

1. Sexual assault is a total contradiction to the core values that we hold dear. Per MCO 1752.5B, sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized using force, physical threat, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted inappropriate sexual contact or fondling of any body part perceived by the victim as inappropriate), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault is a crime regardless of gender, spousal/personal relationship, or age of the victim.



2. There is no place in the Marine Corps for this type of behavior. Furthermore, these acts will not be tolerated within Support Battalion. It is the responsibility of every Marine and Sailor within this command to assist in creating a climate of trust and respect, free from the threat or potential of sexual assault.

3. Every member of the Support Battalion team will be treated with dignity and respect. There is responsibility at the individual level and I have confidence that members of this team will act in a professional manner. Our strength is in our team.

4. If a member of our unit has been a victim, we will assist that member with sensitivity and dignity through fair, conscientious, and unbiased behavior.

5. Any reports of sexual assault will be investigated immediately and appropriate actions will be taken.

6. Additional information and assistance are available through the Support Battalion's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocates (SAPR Vas), Sgt Smith, Captain Murphy, Captain Cimino, and Captain Lord. The command's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) aboard MCRD Parris Island is Lorain or Pricilla. The 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Line is (843) 228-3599.

7. If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, please notify you SAPR VA or the Installation SARC.

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