



Commanding Officer  
Marine Corps Embassy Security Group  
Sexual Assault Prevention Response Statement



Sexual assault is not only prejudicial to good order and discipline, but a serious crime that can deteriorate mental and physical health. It is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized but the use of force, physical threat of force, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship, or age. *Consent shall not be deemed or constricted to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, coercion, or when the victim is asleep, incapacitated, or unconscious.*

Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Where cause exists, appropriate legal or administrative action will be taken against violators. Victims will be treated with sensitivity, decency, and respect and will receive appropriate medical, emotional, and psychological treatment with assistance from social services. Care will be given to ensure the identity of a victim is released only to those who have a need-to-know. Victim safety and rights are paramount at all times. Those who report sexual assault incidents must feel confident their personal safety will be protected and they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Victims who are sexually assaulted may be physically, mentally, and/or emotionally traumatized. They deserve to be treated with sensitivity and care. Reporting an incident of sexual assault may be initiated via the following methods:

**A Restricted Report** allows the victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotion/psychological counseling support services without notification of law enforcement or the command. A Restricted Report can be made without notification of law enforcement or the command. A Restricted Report can be made to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), SAPR Victim Advocate (VA), Healthcare Provider (HCP), DoD Safe Helpline 24/7 (877-995-5247), or (Installation) Sexual Assault 24/7 Helpline (703-432-9999). *In a Restricted Report, the victim's identity remains confidential, and it is not forwarded to law enforcement or command.*

**An Unrestricted Report** also allows a victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotional/psychological counseling services and an official investigation ensues. An Unrestricted Report can be made to law enforcement authorities or the command, as well as to a SARC SAPR VA, HCP, DoD Safe Helpline, and (Installation) Sexual Assault Helpline (listed above). *Although the victim's identity will not remain confidential, care will be given to ensure that information is released only to those with a need-to-know (e.g. unit commander and investigating authorities).*

All members of Marine Corps Embassy Security Group (MCESG) must be willing to speak out against sexual violence and to intervene when necessary. We are each responsible for assisting Marines with finding proper help and support after a crime. It is only by our united efforts that we will succeed in creating a zero tolerance environment.

For additional assistance or information, please contact one of the MCESG SAPR VAs whose pictures and information can be found on SAPR VA posters throughout MCESG.

Semper Fidelis,

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