MARINE CORPS EMBASSY SECURITY GROUP

SEXUAL ASSUALT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY STATEMENT





The possibility of sexual assault, misconduct, and harassment exists in all units regardless of their specialization, advanced skills, or training. No group of human beings is immune to these criminal and corrosive occurrences. It is the duty of every Marine/Sailor to deter and, if necessary, prevent such activity within the command both on-duty and during periods of liberty.

Sexual assault is a crime defined as intentional physical contact of a sexual nature characterized by the use of force, threat of force, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. It is a serious crime that can be inflicted on anyone regardless of age or gender and often comes from unexpected sources. Leaders must be familiar with the Marine Corps Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program, know their Uniform Victim Advocates (UVAs), their rights and responsibilities. MCESG will provide plentiful UVAs of all ranks and ready access to the MCB Quantico SARC and will support victims to ensure that all members of the command can be confident in their personal safety and the equity of the command's investigative and judicial process.

Sexual Assault victims who desire restricted reporting can make a confidential report to an UVA, the SARC, health care providers, the chaplain, or a Victim's Legal Counsel. The victim's privacy will have primacy in such reports, though the command will be notified of the occurrence without the identity of victim or alleged perpetrator. Unrestricted reports to the same officials or members of the chain of command will be immediately and thoroughly investigated and cases will be processed according to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or civilian law, as appropriate.

Sexual misconduct is defined as activity of a sexual nature that does not qualify as sexual assault (due to consent, etc.), but that violates other regulations. Examples include sexual contact between service members of differing grades, adultery, and viewing pornography on government systems and networks. Likewise, sexual harassment is equally corrosive; it is defined as a form of sex discrimination that involves unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal and physical conduct of a sexual nature that interferes with the individual's work performance.

Team- MCESG must not tolerate any form of sexual assault, misconduct, or harassment and must actively work to create a positive environment for all Marine/Sailors. We must uphold our values of honor, courage, and commitment. We will be Marine/Sailors first and foremost.

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