

MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS EAST POLICY ON SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE



Sexual assault is not only prejudicial to good order, but a serious crime. It is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by 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 of victim.

"Consent shall not be deemed or construed 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. Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault incidents will have damaging consequences for both victims and their organizations. 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, psychological, and 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 have the courage to report must feel confident their personal safety will be protected and they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Victims who are sexually assaulted are physically, mentally, and 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 emotional/psychological counseling support services without notification of law enforcement or the command. A restricted report can be made to a Uniformed or Civilian Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate (SAPR VA), Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), or Healthcare Provider (HCP). *In a restricted report, the victim's identity remains confidential, and it is not forwarded to law enforcement or Command authorities.*

An unrestricted report also allows a victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotional/psychological counseling support services and an official investigation ensues. An unrestricted report can be made to law enforcement authorities or the Command, as well as to a Uniformed or Civilian SAPR VA, SARC, HCP, DoD Safe Helpline (877-995-5247), and the 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line (910-750-5852). *Although the victim's identity will not remain confidential, care will be given to ensure that it is released only to those with an actual need-to-know (i.e. unit commander and investigating authorities).*

All members of Marine Corps Installations East (MCIEAST) must be willing to speak out against sexual violence and to intervene when necessary. Intervention includes insuring potential victims are not in an environment where a sexual assault is imminent. Junior Leaders must enforce physical safety. We are each responsible for assisting a victim 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 and end sexual violence. All MCIEAST personnel will adhere to White Letter No. 2-12 and be familiar with MCO 1752.5C, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program. Personal and professional excellence in all that we do, all of the time.

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**For further guidance or assistance related to Sexual Assault Prevention and Response, contact the
MCIEAST -MCB CAMLEJ 24/7 Sexual Assault Response Line at (910) 750-5852.**