

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, intimidation, 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 is a critical part of all healthy relationships. Consent is a freely given agreement to the conduct at issue by a competent person. Consent shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical or verbal resistance.



Sexual assault will not be tolerated. All reports of sexual assault will be taken seriously and an unrestricted report is encouraged for victims of sexual assault to receive the full range of services available. 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. Those who have been sexually assaulted may experience physical, emotional, and psychological trauma from the event. They deserve to be treated with sensitivity and care.

Anyone who has experienced a sexual assault can call the Lejeune-New River 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line (910-750-5852) or DoD Safe Helpline (877-995-5247) to speak confidentially to a victim advocate. The advocate can provide emotional support and information on reporting. There are two types of reporting options for victims of sexual assault:

A restricted report allows the victim to receive confidential support services, including medical care, advocacy, Victims' Legal Counsel, Chaplain and emotional/psychological counseling services without notification to 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) or Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC). *In a restricted report, the victim's identity remains confidential, and is not forwarded to law enforcement or Command authorities.*

An unrestricted report allows a victim to receive command support and an official law enforcement investigation, in addition to medical care, advocacy, Victims' Legal Counsel, Chaplain and emotional/psychological counseling support services. An unrestricted report can be made to law enforcement authorities or the Command, as well as a Uniformed or Civilian SAPR VA, and SARC. *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. 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 familiar with the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program and related policies, including MCO 1752.5C. In maintaining personal and professional excellence in all that we do, we have an opportunity to be part of the solution.

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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.**