

Commanding Officer's Sexual Assault Policy Statement





Sexual assault is a criminal act that erodes unit cohesion and contradicts Marine Corps core values. All personnel within CLR 37 will be aware of what constitutes sexual assault and the consequences of perpetrating sexual assault. Marines, Sailors, and Civilians will possess the tools to safely intervene when witnessing high-risk behaviors. CLR 37's SAPR Program will provide comprehensive prevention and response services to individuals impacted by this crime and address behaviors that can lead to sexual assault.

Prevention

All CLR 37 personnel will behave in a manner that is consistent with the Marine Corps ethos and core values, while enhancing the prestige of the Regiment. Maintain a climate that is respectful to all. Intervene if possible and notify law enforcement immediately when witnessing an actual or attempted sexual assault upon another person. Be an active bystander.

End States: 0 Sexual Assaults within CLR 37

Education and Training

Education is key to effectively preventing and responding to sexual assault. Properly executed training will have positive and lasting effects on the culture and climate within CLR 37. Leadership is charged with ensuring that SAPR is part of the annual fiscal year training, facilitated by the authorized SAPR personnel and allotted the appropriate amount of time. Prevention is the priority.

End States: All personnel within CLR 37 are trained to recognize and prevent sexual assault, all personnel within CLR 37 are trained to respond appropriately once a sexual assault has occurred

Response

Immediately report all incidents of sexual assault that come under their observation to PMO/law enforcement and the chain of command. Avoid questioning a victim about an incident unless required in the course of official duties (e.g., law enforcement, legal, or healthcare personnel), to limit re-victimization, protect victim's rights, and preserve the integrity of a potential investigation.

End States: Victims of sexual assault are cared for and not re-victimized

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