

## 3D Marine Logistics Group

## Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Policy Statement

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Sexual assault is not only prejudicial to good order and discipline, it is a serious crime that can significantly damage the physical and mental health of the men and women who make up this outfit. 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 regardless of gender, spousal relationship, or age. 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. I expect every member of this command to be watchful for indicators of a potential sexual assault, to have each other's backs, and to be bold and step up to prevent sexual assaults before they happen.

In the unfortunate event they do occur, appropriate legal or administrative action will be taken against violators, where cause exists. Victims will be treated with dignity, sensitivity, and respect, and they will receive appropriate treatment with the assistance of available supportive services. Care will be given to ensure the identity of victims and subjects are released only to those who have a need-to-know. The safety and rights of all our Marines and Sailors are paramount at all times, and this extends to both victims and subjects. Those who report sexual assault incidents must feel confident that their voice will be heard and that their personal safety will be protected, their privacy will be respected, and they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Victims of sexual assault and those that support them deserve to be treated with sensitivity and care, and be given access to necessary resources. The two types of reports, Restricted and Unrestricted, can be made via the following methods:

A Restricted Report allows the victim to receive the medical, informational, advocacy, and counseling support services 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), the DoD Safe Helpline 24/7 (877-995-5247), or a local Installation Support Line. A Chaplain is also a source for confidential support. With a restricted Report, the victim's identity remains confidential ad information is not reported to law enforcement or the chain of command.

An Unrestricted Report also allows a victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and counseling services. In addition, an official investigation into the crime will be initiated. An Unrestricted Report can be made to law enforcement authorities or the command, as well as to a SARC, SAPR VA, HCP, or Helpline. Although the victim's identity will not remain confidential, great care will be used to ensure the information is released only to those with a need-to-know (e.g. unit commander and investigating authorities). It is also important to note that a victim may choose to convert a previously Restricted Report into an Unrestricted Report, but there is no mechanism to convert an Unrestricted Report to Restricted status.

Individuals within the 3D Marine Logistics Group must be willing to speak out against sexual violence and to intervene when necessary. "Not in our house and not on our team" must be the mindset of every member of this organization. We are each responsible for assisting fellow service members and loved ones with finding proper help and support after a crime. A zero tolerance environment requires a united effort and a commitment to treat one another with respect.

For assistance or information related to sexual assault, contact a SAPR VA or a SARC whose picture and contact numbers can be found on SAPR posters throughout your units. For additional information about the SAPR Program, refer to MCO 1752.5C.

"For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack."

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