

Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Statement



- 1. <u>Bottom Line up Front</u>. Sexual assault will not be tolerated. It is a punishable crime and is not compatible with our Marine Corps values.
- 2. <u>Definition</u>. Sexual assault 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 sex, spousal relationship, or age. Consent shall not be deemed or constructed 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.
- 3. <u>Responsibilities</u>. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure we cultivate a respectful climate amongst our entire team. This starts with prevention focused leadership at all levels. All members of our installation must be willing to prevent, speak out, and to intervene against sexual violence when necessary. 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, and psychological treatment with assistance from 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 priority at all times. Reporting an incident of sexual assault may be initiated via the following methods:
- a) Restricted Report. A Restricted Report allows the victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotion/psychological 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), DoD Safe Helpline 24/7 (877-995-5247), or Marine Corps Logistics Base (MCLB) Barstow Sexual Assault 24/7 Helpline (760-500-1707). In a Restricted Report, the victim's identity remains confidential, and it is not forwarded to law enforcement or command.
- b) Unrestricted Report. An Unrestricted Report also allows a victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and emotional/psychological counseling services and an official investigation ensues. An Unrestricted Report can be made to law enforcement authorities or the command, as well as to a SARC, SAPR VA, HCP, DoD Safe Helpline, and (Installation) Sexual Assault Helpline (listed above). Although the victim's identity will not remain confidential, care will be given to ensure that information is released only to those with a need-to-know (e.g., unit commander and investigating authorities).
- 4. For additional assistance or information, please contact one of the MCLB Barstow SAPR VAs whose pictures and information can be found on SAPR VA posters throughout the installation.

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