

# HMLA-167 SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY STATEMENT



The Marine Corps program for SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE is governed by MCO 1752.5B.

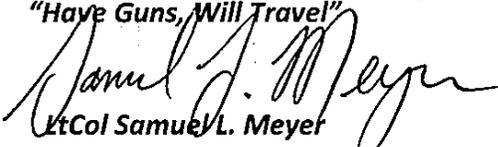
**Mission:** The mission of the Marine Corps SAPR Program is to eliminate the occurrence of sexual assault by strengthening a culture of prevention through risk reduction, education and training, response capability, victim support, reporting procedures and offender accountability that enhances the safety and well-being of all.

Sexual assault is a crime. It is not restricted to any gender, race or age. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact when the victim does not or cannot consent and is characterized by use of force, threat, intimidation or abuse of authority. The reference is the revised Marine Corps Order containing guidance for identifying, reporting and addressing the issue of sexual assault.

Sexual assault will not be tolerated. Failure to report or ignoring sexual assault incidents will have damaging consequences for victims and our unit. Where cause exists, appropriate legal and administrative action will be taken against violators.

Victims of sexual assault will be treated with sensitivity, decency and respect. Victims will receive appropriate medical, emotional, psychological, and social services. Care will be given to ensure that the identity of a victim of sexual assault is released only to those who have a need to know. Victim safety is paramount at all times. Victims who choose to make a restricted report in accordance with the reference will have that choice honored. Victims who have the courage to report must feel confident that their personal safety will be protected and that they will not be re-victimized by my command. Marines and Sailors who are sexually assaulted are physically, mentally, and emotionally traumatized and wounded. They will be treated with sensitivity and caring.

Sexual assault is a complete and total contradiction of our core values. Eliminating sexual assault will take a dedicated community effort. I challenge each leader and individual to accept responsibility for achieving this goal. Our Marines, Sailors and family members deserve nothing less than our complete dedication to this cause.

*"Have Guns, Will Travel"*  
  
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