



## HMLA-269 SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (SAPR) PROGRAM



The Marine Corps policy for SAPR is governed by MCO 1752.5C (Sexual Assault Prevention and Response).

As the Commander, I am responsible for the implementation of the SAPR Program, and more importantly fostering a climate that eliminates the occurrence of sexual assault by cultivating a culture of prevention through risk reduction, education and training, response capability, victim support, and offender accountability (as appropriate) in order to ensure that the safety and well-being of all Gunrunners is our #1 priority.

**LET ME BE CLEAR – SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A DEEPLY PERSONAL CRIME AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED... PERIOD!** There is absolutely no room for violators of this policy in the Gunrunner family. This crime completely undermines the dignity, health, and well-being of the victim, and utterly destroys the cohesion of the unit. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, abuse of authority, or when the victim **does not or cannot consent**. It can affect any gender, race, or age. **If there is no consent, it is assault.** Violators will face the entire range of military administrative actions. Bottom line, if you demean another human being (another brother or sister of the Gunrunner family), you will face due process.

It is the Commander's responsibility to establish an environment and culture that prevents an occurrence of sexual assault; however, if an offense or alleged offense occurs, the Command will provide care and appropriate mentorship for the victim, ensure due process for the alleged offender, and develop programs and measures to reduce the negative impact on unit cohesion and readiness.

**IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT, SEEK SAFETY IMMEDIATELY – GET AWAY FROM YOUR PERPETRATOR(S), AND FIND A HIDE SITE.** Once away from the perpetrator(s), contact a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), a SAPR Victim Advocate (SAPR VA), or the DOD Safe Helpline. All of these resources will keep your information confidential, explain available reporting options, and provide needed resources. Bottom line, if you are the victim of sexual assault, you are not alone; we are here to help in any way we can.

There are two methods of reporting – **Unrestricted** or **Restricted**. Highest recommendation to make all reports unrestricted in order ultimately identify the alleged perpetrator and adjudicate appropriately and fairly. If a restricted report is chosen, the victim will receive any and all medical treatment, emergency care, counseling, and assignment of SARC/SAPR VA. At any point, the victim has the ability to make a restricted report unrestricted.

The DOD Safe Helpline for sexual assault victims is available at 877-995-5247 and via the Internet at [www.safehelpline.org](http://www.safehelpline.org).

**Guardian Angel:** Don't just stand by and not effectively intervene and stop an unsafe situation (same as the Flightline; we are all Safety Observers!). **Assess** the situation, **Engage** and prevent/stop sexual assault, **Check-In** with your Gunrunner family member. AN ASSAULT AGAINST ONE GUNRUNNER IS AN ASSAULT AGAINST ALL GUNRUNNERS! NEVER MISS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON SOMEONE ELSE'S LIFE!

"Our Best on the Worst Day"



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DOD Safe Helpline

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