



COMMANDING GENERAL'S SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE (SAPR) POLICY STATEMENT



Sexual assault is not only prejudicial to good order and discipline, but a serious crime that can deteriorate mental and physical health. It 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. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship, or age. Consent shall not be deemed or constructed to mean the victim's failure 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 is not tolerated. Appropriate legal or administrative action will be taken against violators where cause exists. 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 ensuring the identity of a victim is released only to those who have a need-to-know. Victim safety and rights are paramount at all times.

Those who report sexual assault incidents must feel confident their personal safety will be protected and they will not be re-victimized by the organization. Victims who are sexually assaulted may be physically, mentally, and/or emotionally traumatized. They deserve to be treated with sensitivity and care.

There are two options available when reporting sexual assault. **A Restricted Report** allows the victim to receive medical, informational, advocacy, and counseling support services without notification to law enforcement or leadership if the report is made confidentially to one of the following resources: Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), SAPR Victim Advocate (VA), Healthcare Provider (HCP), DoD Safe Helpline 24/7 (877-995-5247), and/or Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line (760-500-1707). *With a Restricted Report, the victim's identity remains confidential and is not forwarded to law enforcement or the command.*

An Unrestricted Report also allows a victim to receive medical, informational advocacy, and counseling services, and an official investigation ensues. An Unrestricted Report can be made to law enforcement or the command, as well as to a SARC, SAPR VA, HCP, DoD Safe Helpline, and/or Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line. *Although the victim's identity will not remain confidential, care will be given ensuring information is released only to those with a need-to-know (e.g., unit commander and investigating authorities, etc.).*

All members of Marine Corps Installations West-Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton must be willing to speak out against sexual violence and intervene when necessary. We are each responsible for assisting Marines, Sailors and their family members with finding proper help and support after a crime. It is only by our united efforts we will succeed in creating an environment that does not tolerate sexual assault.

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