



COMMANDING OFFICER
2D FORCE STORAGE BATTALION
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response
Policy Statement



SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A CRIME. It is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat, abuse of authority, or when a victim does not or cannot consent. Victims may be uniformed service members, civilians, or dependents. The bottom line is "no" means "no" and "maybe" also means "no." **An individual that is considered legally intoxicated CANNOT GIVE CONSENT.** 2d Force Storage Battalion has an absolute zero tolerance for sexual assault as it is an egregious violation of organizational trust. Marines and Sailors must be very aware of the situations they find themselves in and if their actions may be called into question. Furthermore, we must be committed to look out for each other both on and off duty. Never leave a fellow Marine or Sailor behind and never hesitate to act and help others who may become a victim of sexual assault.

Should leaders find themselves in a situation where a victim does come forward, they must do everything in their power to protect the victim. I challenge all leaders to teach, mentor, and lead their Marines and Sailors in the prevention of Sexual Assault. This includes protecting the identity of victims and making them aware of the support available through our Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA). All Marines and Sailors in 2d Force Storage Battalion need to know the names of our UVAs and be familiar with sexual assault reporting procedures.

There are two methods a victim can use to report Sexual Assault: Restricted reporting means the victim makes a confidential report to the UVA, Chaplain, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator, Military Healthcare personnel, or Marine and Family Service Counselors only. They will be able to receive support from victim advocates, but they will not be able to pursue legal recourse. Unrestricted reporting means that if a victim chooses this option or reports the assault to someone other than those listed above, we have an obligation to report all allegations to the appropriate authorities first and then to the Chain of Command. The appropriate authorities are NCIS and PMO. Remember, we have a moral obligation as Marines, Sailors, and leaders to respect the dignity of the victim, protect them, and report any allegations; nothing less is expected. We all have a role and a responsibility in the prevention of Sexual Assault. I charge all Marines and Sailors in 2d Force Storage Battalion to take a stand against sexual assault and ensure we have a safe and professional working environment in which we can all succeed and live up to our full potential.

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