



**COMMANDING OFFICER'S  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY**

Simply put, there is no place in the Marine Corps or in MWHS-2 for illegal drug use. Marines are held to a high standard for many reasons, and the use of illegal substances only detracts from their ability to Accomplish our mission. We will identify those who have made the decision to disregard this fact through random drug testing and various other means. Anyone who tests positive for illegal drug use will be processed for separation with an other than honorable characterization of service.

I have little patience for alcohol-related incidents in their entirety; there are too many other off-duty things we can do that do not involve using alcohol. I feel that alcohol can be enjoyed responsibly by those of age, but anyone who makes poor choices and takes part in actions that put themselves or others at risk has a problem. The bottom line is this: if you do unacceptable things that you wouldn't normally do because you are intoxicated, then you need help. If you drink, you must be able to properly gauge yourself, and your ability to do the right thing after consuming alcohol. Alcohol abuse, which is the overindulgence of alcohol until it affects one's judgment, is preventable and should obviously be avoided. Alcoholism, or the addiction to alcohol and its effects, is a treatable disease that anyone can suffer from at various levels. In both cases, it is the responsibility of the individual to recognize these two situations and make the effort to control them before they result in a preventable incident. There are a variety of programs available to help our Marines and families, and the squadron Substance Abuse Control Officer can provide anyone who needs it the help to keep alcohol from destroying their lives. The Marine Corps will treat and provide the necessary rehabilitation for those requiring it.

As with everything else we do in the Marine Corps, have a plan developed before have your first drink. Semper Fidelis!

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