



MWHS-2 Substance Abuse Policy

Substance abuse – both alcohol and drugs - degrades individual performance and the readiness of the unit; it ruins promising careers and destroys families. I have personally witnessed this – you probably have too. In order to achieve mission success, I need every Marine and Sailor in MWHS-2 at their very best.

The Marine Corps has a zero tolerance policy for illegal drug use and it absolutely will not be tolerated at MWHS-2. If you violate this policy, you can expect to be processed per the applicable Marine Corps orders. I implore you to have enough respect for the trust of your fellow Marines and Sailors to not jeopardize our mission or their safety.

Be responsible when partaking in alcohol. Driving while impaired or under the influence kills – it might kill you, or you might live, in jail, burdened with the guilt of killing the family unlucky enough to be on the road with you. Understand that your judgment will suffer when you abuse alcohol. Intoxication is never an excuse for unprofessional behavior. If you intend to drink, have a plan, exercise good judgment, and take care of each other. There is no substitute for peer leadership in preventing misconduct as the result of drinking. Look out for each other and intervene before it becomes an alcohol related incident. Underage drinking will not be overlooked in this command. Violations will be adjudicated consistently across all ranks.

Addiction to alcohol is treatable and there are a variety of programs available if you need help. It is primarily the responsibility of the individual to recognize a problem before it gets out of hand. Asking for help will be seen as a sign of maturity and strength, not weakness. If you self-refer, we will get you the help you need so that you can improve your life. You may contact the squadron Substance Abuse Control Officer, Capt Ciochetto, at (252) 466-3610 to gain access to the many resources the Marine Corps offers.

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