



## HMLA-167 Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Prevention Policy

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Sexual assault is a criminal act and is not compatible with our Marine Corps values. Sexual assault is intentional sexual contact characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual Assault will not be tolerated in the Warriors. We will treat all victims with dignity and respect while protecting their rights.

Sexual assault is a devastating psychological and physical act and is counter to everything we stand for in the Marine Corps. As Warriors, we will strive to forge a culture that upholds the highest standards of morality, and we will promote the physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing of all Marines and Sailors. Underpinning the prevention of sexual assault is focused leadership and the moral courage to treat everyone with dignity and respect.

**Reporting options:** Only a SARC (Sexual Assault Response Coordinator) or SAPR VA (Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate) may formally receive an Unrestricted or Restricted report via DD 2910 VRPS (Victim Reporting Preference Statement). If a victim elects not to sign a DD 2910, no report is filed. Victims may decline to participate in the SAPR Program and in a military criminal investigation at any time.

**Restricted Reporting** affords victims the option to make a confidential report to a SARC or SAPR VA. Victims are eligible to file a Restricted Report, providing they did not personally report the sexual assault to law enforcement, and they did not previously elect to make an Unrestricted Report by signing DD Form 2910 with a SARC or SAPR VA. A victim may elect to convert his or her Restricted Report to an Unrestricted Report at any time.

**Unrestricted Reporting** affords victims the option to disclose, without requesting confidentiality, that he or she is the victim of a sexual assault. Under these circumstances the victim's report, whether provided to healthcare personnel, the SARC, a SAPR VA, command authorities, or other persons, is reported to law enforcement and may be used to initiate the official investigative process. When an Unrestricted Report is elected, the report cannot be converted to a Restricted Report.

**Victim disclosure to another person:** A victim's communication with another person (e.g., roommate, friend, family member, member of the command, or Commanding Officer) does NOT, in and of itself, prevent the victim from later electing to make a Restricted Report. However, if the person to whom the victim confided the information is a law enforcement officer, there can be no Restricted Report.

**Victim Support** consists of medical treatment, a SAFE (Sexual Assault Forensic Exam), mental health services, and victim advocacy. HMLA-167 will ensure that any sexually assaulted Warrior receives all the resources and care they deserve while preserving their dignity.

**Sexual Assault Victim Resources:** DoD Safe Helpline is available at 877-995-5247 & online at [www.safehelpline.org](http://www.safehelpline.org)  
Camp Lejeune-New River 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line 910-750-5852.

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