



SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY STATEMENT

HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE BATTALION FLEET MARINE FORCE, ATLANTIC U.S. MARINE CORPS FORCES COMMAND



Alcohol abuse and possession, use, trafficking, or distribution of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, and the wrongful use of legal but controlled substances cannot be tolerated. Substance abuse not only includes illegal drugs, but any drug not used for its intended purpose or used in excess. Any substance used with the intent of getting high is also considered substance abuse. Substance abuse disrupts individual and unit capability, and without timely and decisive attention, it can destroy lives, families, careers, and more.

As such, we will engage in aggressive command education and action to prevent and eliminate all forms of substance abuse. The primary focus of effort will be on prevention, education, detection, and appropriate discipline for offenders. This focused multi-method effort will arm our Marines, Sailors, civilians, and families with the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to attack and prevent substance abuse issues before they develop into serious problems.

Anyone involved in a drug or alcohol-related incident will be referred to the Substance Abuse Control Officer, screened, counseled, and, if needed, sent for a medical evaluation. Those diagnosed as drug or alcohol dependent will be assigned to an appropriate treatment program.

We all must work to stay “left of the boom”, especially regarding substance abuse. If you or someone you know might be developing a substance abuse problem, seek help immediately. We have leaders, counselors, and medical professionals ready to help. You will be treated with dignity and respect as we work together to return you to a healthy, productive life. Don’t wait until after the DUI, the positive urinalysis report, or some other legal incident to disclose you are struggling with substance abuse!

We must ensure that every member is committed to eradicating substance abuse from our organization. We will take preemptive action through engaged leadership, training, counseling, and constant vigilance to keep this illegal behavior from destroying our combat effectiveness and the health and general welfare of our individual Marines, Sailors, and civilians and their families.


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