



# SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY STATEMENT

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Sexual assault is a vile crime that directly contradicts the core values of honor, courage, and commitment that we, as Marines, have sworn to uphold. This egregious offense disrupts the good order and discipline of any unit, hinders mission execution, and can crush troop welfare. Most significantly, it inflicts deep emotional, psychological, and physical wounds, violating the victim's dignity, personal security, and freedom. This crime knows no boundaries of gender, race, or age.

In our ranks, sexual assault will not be tolerated. Neither will the disregard or neglect of allegations related to it. Sexual assault, defined as intentional sexual contact characterized by force, physical threats, abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent, will be met with swift and appropriate legal and/or administrative action.

Guided by our SPARTAN tenets, we pledge to treat victims of sexual assault with utmost sensitivity, dignity, and respect. We'll provide access to medical, psychological, and social services as required. We'll maintain the victim's identity confidential, disclosed only to those with a legitimate need to know. Victims should have confidence in coming forward, even when collateral misconduct may be involved – nothing should stop a victim from coming forward and I am committed to fostering an environment that promotes trust. The choice to make a restricted report, in line with the reference, will be respected and upheld.

Every member of RS Jacksonville must familiarize themselves with this policy. If anyone becomes aware of a sexual assault, they are duty-bound to alert the authorities, their chain of command, and the Recruiting Station's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate. I expect each Marine to uphold our core values, actively prevent sexual assaults, and shield their fellow Marines, poolees, applicants, candidates, and civilians from becoming victims.

If you or someone you know needs immediate assistance related to sexual assault, please call the 24-hour Sexual Assault Support Line at 843-228-3599.

Together, let's embody our SPARTAN tenets, stand strong against sexual assault, and recruit with unwavering excellence.

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