



**I MEF SUPPORT BATTALION  
SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION**



Sexual assault is illegal, immoral, and intolerable.

Sexual assault is intentional unwanted sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, physical threat of force, or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent.

Sexual assault is not tolerated within the United States Marine Corps or the United States Navy. Committing sexual assault is a crime, and perpetrator(s) will be punished. It is every Marine and Sailors duty within I Marine Expeditionary Force Support Battalion (I MSB) to protect and prevent incidents of sexual assault from happening. Failure to report or to ignore sexual assault incidents has damaging consequences for the victim, I MSB, and the Corps.

The safety of the victim is paramount. Victims are treated with sensitivity, decency, and respect. They will receive appropriate medical, emotional, legal, and psychological care. Care is given to ensure the identity of the victim is released only to the appropriate personnel. Victims have the choice of making restricted or unrestricted reports. Those who choose to make a restricted report have their choice honored to the fullest extent. Command leadership and the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program extend confidence and respect to the victim's personal safety.

The use of alcohol is often cited as a prominent risk factor in sexual assault incidents. The irresponsible use of alcohol increases the risk to Marines and Sailors towards becoming a sexual assault perpetrator or victim. I MSB Marines and Sailors take care of each other, they use the Buddy System, and they never allow a fellow service member to fall victim to these offenses or end their career as a convicted sexual offender.

Leaders at all levels will familiarize themselves with Marine Corps Order 1752.28 on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Sexual assault is contradictory to the core values we embrace. We will dedicate ourselves to eliminating sexual assault within our ranks!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William V. Gorsuch".

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