



# Commanding Officer's Substance Abuse Policy



"Alcohol and drug abuse by members of the Armed Forces is incompatible with the maintenance of high standards of performance, military discipline, readiness, and reliable mission accomplishment."

- SECNAVINST 5300.28E

The wrongful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, or introduction of *controlled substances* is prohibited by Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. MCO 5300.17a prohibits the wrongful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, or introduction of *a controlled substance analogue, designer drug, natural substances* (e.g., fungi), *chemicals* (e.g., chemicals wrongfully used as inhalants), *propellants*, or *prescribed or over-the-counter drugs or pharmaceutical compounds* with the intent to induce intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction. **Violations of these prohibitions may result in prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and/or adverse administrative action.**

Substance abuse erodes our readiness to answer our nation's call to deploy, so our policy must be proactive in nature and focus on prevention. We will do this through active engagements and events to continually educate our Marines and Sailors on the impacts of substance abuse and how they can protect themselves, and reinforce the message that abuse will not be tolerated.

Any Marine or Sailor involved in a drug or alcohol-related incident will be referred to the unit SACO for screening, counseling, and, if needed, referral to the Substance Abuse Counseling Center (SACC) for further evaluation and treatment. The SACC also welcomes walk-ins and self-referrals and offers a variety of services including education, care coordination, group therapy, individual and family support.

We will also provide referral services and transition assistance for those who violate this policy. Leaders at every level are charged with setting the example and with mentoring their Marines and Sailors on the dangers and consequences of substance abuse, as well as the many programs and options to prevent incidents and get help to troubled Marines. For more information on substance abuse, the point of contact is Staff Sergeant Franco at [Michael.franco@usmc.mil](mailto:Michael.franco@usmc.mil).

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