

COMMANDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE



I have a zero-tolerance policy for substance and alcohol abuse—these acts have a devastating impact on mission readiness and safety. In accordance with **MCO 5300.17**, distribution, possession, or use of illegal drugs or misuse/abuse of alcohol is contrary to the effective performance of Marines as well as the Marine Corps' mission. Any Marine or Sailor who participates in the sale, use, manufacturing, or distribution of illegal drugs in violation of applicable provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), federal, state, or local statutes, shall be disciplined as appropriate and processed for administrative separation. Similarly, any Marine known to have driven while intoxicated, regardless of the level of civilian adjudication, will be disciplined under the UCMJ for disobedience of a direct order.

This policy also applies to the use of controlled substances including designer and synthetic drugs that generally fall into three major categories: synthetic cannabinoids, stimulants, and hallucinogens. These products are extremely dangerous and are linked with hospitalizations, crimes, and deaths. Leaders at all levels must look for warning signs associated with the use of these substances and all other illegal drugs. Proactive leadership and enforcement of substance abuse policies are the keys to identify and stop the abuse of drugs and alcohol. To support this effort, the following active deterrence measures, at a minimum, will occur:

- Random monthly urinalysis and alcohol-screening program (ASP) testing.
- Random health and comfort inspections of billeting areas and workspaces, to include the use of K9's to deter drugs on base as needed.
- All Marines and Sailors reporting aboard via PCS orders or leave will be tested within 72 hours of arrival.
- All personnel involved in the collection and shipment of urine samples will be tested at least once per month.

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