

# Policy Statement on Substance Abuse



Illegal or illicit drugs are defined as "*drugs prohibited by law or lawful drugs when obtained or used without proper authority, to include abuse of otherwise legal drugs.*" The Marine Corps policy on illegal or illicit drugs is clear and straightforward: ZERO TOLERANCE. The use of illegal drugs is contradictory to our core values, and negatively affects our mission readiness and warfighting capability. Individuals who test positive for banned substances will be processed for separation from the military. This includes the misuse of prescription medication.

Substance abuse is not isolated to illegal drugs, but also includes the misuse or over-consumption of alcohol. Individuals who are not 20 years old are prohibited from consuming alcohol on or off base. Individuals who are 20 years or older, and consume alcohol, must do so responsibly while adhering to all base and state regulations. Service members who distribute or supply alcohol to underage Marines will be subject to disciplinary actions per the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The unfortunate truth is that most of all liberty incidents involve the consumption of alcohol in some form or fashion. **Do not allow yourself or a fellow Marine to endanger their lives, career, or future success through the misuse of any substance. Step up and intervene!**

Every member of 5th ANGLICO has earned the right to call themselves a United States Marine or Sailor. This title was earned through great sacrifice, hard work, and determination. Every day we must live up to the high standards our nation expects of us and remain vigilant to **Protect What You've Earned** through the application of our core values. **Take care of one another, exercise sound judgment, and be willing to intervene to help your fellow Marine or Sailor.**

For more information on these matters, contact the unit Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO), SSgt Rabbweaver at DSN: 315-623-5403, or [ian.rabbweaver@usmc.mil](mailto:ian.rabbweaver@usmc.mil).

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