



## III MEF Support Battalion Command Team's Substance Abuse Policy Statement



Substance abuse degrades morale, cohesion, performance, and readiness, and it prevents our ability to fight and win in combat.

The Marine Corps policy on use of illegal or illicit drugs is simple - **ZERO TOLERANCE**

**Substance abuse is not limited to the use of illegal drugs.** Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, and alcohol abuse are just as dangerous when used in ways not consistent with their intended purpose. The effects of various drugs and alcohol impair a person's capacity to think clearly, assess risk appropriately, and act responsibly.

If you are concerned about someone you believe to have a substance abuse problem, obtain help through your medical provider, professional addiction counselor or Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO), or chain of command. There are a variety of programs available to help our Marines, Sailors, and families. The III MEF Support Battalion SACO can be reached at DSN (315) 623-4804.

The Marine Corps' core values of honor, courage, and commitment enable our success at home or in battle. Honor your service by not abusing alcohol or using illegal or illicit substances. Have the courage to step up and intervene and demonstrate commitment by taking care of one another. Every member of III MEF Support Battalion is essential to this command and critical to our mission.

Remember to be proud of who you are, what you are capable of, and what you represent.

**Semper Fidelis,**

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