



**COMMANDING OFFICER
FIELD MEDICAL TRAINING BATTALION - WEST
POLICY STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE**



We must remain committed to maintaining a safe and secure Command and will strictly follow the Navy and Marine Corps guidance relating to the detection, treatment and prevention of substance abuse.

Substance abuse is defined as the overindulgence in or dependence on an addictive substance especially alcohol or drugs. Specifically, the Navy and Marine Corps objective is to eliminate alcohol abuse. Additionally, it is against the UCMJ to unlawfully possess, distribute, or abuse drugs or drug paraphernalia, or be under the influence of unauthorized prescription drugs.

Combating the debilitating threat posed by alcohol abuse, alcohol dependency and substance abuse requires a total commitment and moral courage of every Sailor, Marine, and Civilian at Field Medical Training Battalion - West. Everyone must be aware of the warning signs of drug and alcohol abuse and take the positive steps to ensure abuse does not occur. This includes intervention and challenging inappropriate behavior. If a Sailor, Marine or Civilian needs help overcoming substance abuse, he or she should seek help.

Marine Corps Order (MCO) 5300.17 outlines the policy on the Substance Abuse Program. All personnel should become familiar with the order. Additionally, members shall report all prescription medications received from non-military medical treatment facilities to their Primary Care Provider.

Leadership is critical to preventing substance abuse. Leaders at all levels must serve as positive examples, ensuring their attitudes are consistent with our core values, and maintain behavior that is above reproach.

To learn more, seek advice, or to report a situation, please contact the Substance Abuse Control Specialist and Coordinator, HMC Ramos at (760) 725-2404, via email at judenphilips.ramos@usmc.mil or your chain of command.

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