



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



Marine Corps Order (MCO) 5300.17A outlines the policy on the Substance Abuse Program. All staff and students are to become familiar with said order and the contents therein, in addition to this policy statement.

Substance abuse is grossly inconsistent with the successful execution of Field Medical Training Battalion-West's (FMTB-W) mission, and the core values of the Navy and the Marine Corps. As such, any Sailor or Marine found to be using, selling, manufacturing, or distributing drugs, in violation of applicable provisions of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Federal, State, or local statutes, will be disciplined as appropriate and processed for administrative separation as required. This policy applies to the use of all controlled substances, designer drugs, inhalants (huffing), anabolic steroids, and the abuse of over-the-counter medications and prescription drugs.

Along these same lines, while aboard FMTB-W, it should be known that engaging in activities such as driving under the influence, whether stemming from alcohol or drugs, will not be tolerated.

All hands, whether staff or student, must actively take steps to prevent the negative effects dependencies and/ or overindulgences may bring upon themselves, family members, shipmates, and the unit. To do so, as leaders in the profession of arms, we must learn/ know the signs and symptoms of dependency and overindulgence. Additionally, we must have the courage to intervene and challenge inappropriate behaviors; thus, allowing us to swiftly act and help a shipmate, who may be having difficulties, well to the left of encountering such things as legal troubles.

All personnel involved in drug or alcohol related incidents will be referred to the Substance Abuse Control Officer (SACO) to be screened, counselled, and forwarded on for appropriate care. Sailors or Marines who feel they may have a substance abuse problem are encouraged to seek help from the SACO without stigma or reprisal. The goal is to assist our teammates early and effectively so they can remain productive members of FMTB-W and their respective Naval Service.

To learn more, seek advice, or to report a situation, please contact the FMTB-W SACO, HM1 Chimhau, Chamu at (760) 763-0175, or via email at chamu.chimhau@usmc.mil or your chain of command.


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