



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION BEAUFORT SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY STATEMENT



The Marine Corps policy on illegal drug use is simple and clear: **ZERO TOLERANCE.**

Abuse of drugs or alcohol is detrimental to good order and discipline and can be lethal. Acceptance of drug or alcohol abuse in any form runs contrary to our Marine Corps values and will not be tolerated. This includes the misuse, sale, and distribution of illegal or prescription drugs. While the consumption of alcohol at the appropriate age is legal, misuse and abuse of alcohol is the most common contributor to misconduct.

Let there be no misunderstanding – any Marine aboard this installation who uses or possesses illegal drugs will be held accountable and processed for administrative separation.

Substance abuse is not limited to the use of illegal drugs. Any drug not used for its intended purpose or used in excess constitutes substance abuse. Substance abuse is dangerous and irresponsible - it reduces the capacity to think clearly and react properly in any hazardous working environment. This increases our risk for a potential mishap, and it degrades readiness. All personnel need to be mindful that some products legally available for purchase off base may still jeopardize their career. I expect all personnel to understand the implications of products used and conduct themselves responsibly.

Marines who abuse drugs rarely do so alone. Fellow Marines know about substance abuse and do nothing. This is not how we look after our brothers and sisters in uniform. All Marines have a moral, ethical, and legal obligation to report any incidence of substance abuse immediately to the chain of command. Failing to do so is a violation of regulations and those who fail to report will be held accountable. A Marine that participates in any illegal activity is jeopardizing your career as well as their own. **If you see something, say something!**

Our mission is too important and your future too bright to allow substance abuse to negatively impact either one. Stay true to your Corps and keep substance abuse out of your life. If you have an alcohol or substance abuse problem or know someone who does or just have questions, utilize your chain of command, or contact your unit's Substance Abuse Control Officer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Bortnem".

Mark D. Bortnem
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Commanding Officer