



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION BEAUFORT SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY STATEMENT



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

Abuse of drugs or alcohol undermines good order and discipline and can have lethal consequences. Tolerating drug or alcohol abuse in any form is contrary to Marine Corps values and will not be accepted. This policy includes the misuse, sale, or distribution of illegal or prescription drugs. While consumption of alcohol by those of legal age is permitted, alcohol misuse remains 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 illegal drugs. Any drug used outside its intended purpose or in excess constitutes substance abuse. Such behavior is dangerous and irresponsible, reducing the capacity to think clearly and react properly in hazardous environments. This increases the risk of mishaps and degrades readiness. All personnel must be mindful that some products legally available off base may still jeopardize their careers. I expect everyone to understand the implications of any product they use and to conduct themselves responsibly.

Marines who abuse drugs rarely do so in isolation. Fellow Marines who are aware of substance abuse and fail to act are not upholding our commitment to each other. Every Marine has a moral, ethical, and legal obligation to report any instance of substance abuse immediately through the chain of command. Failure to report is a violation of regulations and will result in accountability measures. Participating in illegal activity jeopardizes not only your own career but also the careers of others. **If you see something, say something.**

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Trevor J. Felter".

Trevor J. Felter
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Commanding Officer