

**Marine Wing Support Squadron 273  
Alcohol and Substance Abuse Policy Statement**

MWSS 273 needs to be a ready and disciplined unit. Alcohol and drug abuse (to include abuse of prescription/over the counter drugs (OTC) and illegal substances) can quickly erode both. Marines who commit alcohol and drug related offenses become liabilities instead of assets and they eat away at our capacity to execute our mission essential tasks. Their offenses also run contrary to our morals, beliefs, and core values as Marines.



In accordance with MCO 5300.17A, alcohol and drug abuse and other related offenses (possession, trafficking or distribution of illegal substances and drug paraphernalia; driving while intoxicated; and driving under the influence) will not be tolerated.

Marines who commit an alcohol or drug-related offense will be held accountable in-line with the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Marines who use or possess illegal drugs will be expeditiously processed for administrative separation and risk losing post-Service benefits.

Here are simple dos and don'ts:

**Don't:**

- use illegal drugs or misuse prescription/OTC drugs
- get behind the wheel if you've had too much to drink
- go to off-limit establishments or establishments known to be sources or illegal drugs and drug paraphernalia
- associate yourself with individuals who use or sell drugs
- put yourself in a social setting that will likely lead to bad or illegal behavior

**Do:**

- drink responsibly
- participate in healthy activities and social functions with other responsible individuals
- intervene if you see other Marines making poor choices regarding alcohol consumption and illegal drug use
- report violations of alcohol and drug abuse

Leaders are expected to educate their Marines and Sailors on this issue. For those who seek assistance with a substance or alcohol dependency, we must find them help and treatment right away. We must also be process-driven in how we enforce laws and adjudicate offenses to keep good order and discipline.

I need every Marine and Sailor to be healthy and drug-free. We do not have a deep bench and I need every one of you to accomplish our mission. Stay away from drugs, consume alcohol responsibly, and live our core values - honor, courage and commitment.

If you need help with prevention or addressing a dependency, please leverage your chain of command, the MWSS 273 Substance Abuse Control Officer or the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort Substance Abuse Control Center in building 807.

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