



COMMANDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE



Alcohol abuse and the distribution, possession, use, trafficking or distribution of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia is contrary to the effective performance of Marines and the Marine Corps mission, and will not be tolerated. Alcohol and drug offenses must and will be dealt with swiftly and effectively.

Commanders and/or civilian supervisors are directed to report all violations or suspected violations to the Provost Marshall's Office for appropriate action, for those military or civilian personnel who:

- Are subject of a lawful, positive urinalysis test reflecting the presumptive wrongful use of illegal drugs/controlled/banned drugs or prohibited substances
- Are found in possession of illegal drugs/controlled/banned drugs or prohibited substances and/ or paraphernalia
- Are suspected of involvement in the distribution of illegal drugs/controlled/banned drugs or prohibited substances and/or drug related paraphernalia
- Are suspected of using, distributing, or possessing any man-made synthetic compound commonly used for purposes of intoxication or stupefaction, such as, but not exclusively known as "Spice" or other street names
- Are found in possession of any paraphernalia related to the use or distribution of any man-made synthetic compound commonly used for purposes of intoxication or stupefaction, such as, but not exclusively known as "Spice" or other street names
- Are arrested in any jurisdiction for underage consumption of alcohol, reckless operation of a motor vehicle after consuming alcohol, or driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs or any mind-altering substances

Personnel in violation will immediately have their driving privileges suspended indefinitely, pending adjudication of their case. Upon presumption of guilt, driving privileges will be revoked for a period of one (1) year, commencing on the date of adjudication. Those who have family members or dependents with authorized driving privileges will have an appropriate "Suspended Male/Suspended Female" sticker applied to their vehicles, as appropriate. At the conclusion of the revocation period, personnel may request their driving privileges be reinstated.

These measures are administrative in nature and are not intended to reflect a presumption of guilt. Commanders are to exercise the full range of their discretion in dealing with military justice and administrative matters, and to ensure all of their Marines/Sailors/civilian personnel are treated fairly and with respect. Each Marine, Sailor and/or civilian personnel suspected of involvement in any of the above mention activities will be afforded every administrative and/or legal remedy known to the law.

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