



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
MARINE DETACHMENT
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POLICY LETTER 02-17

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1. Hazing violates our core values and impairs our ability to fight and win the nation's battles. It must not be a part of our Marine Corps. Marines are professional warriors who at all times will treat each other with dignity, respect, and care.
2. Hazing is defined as any act that causes another Marine to suffer or be exposed to an activity that is cruel, abusive, humiliating, or oppressive. These acts include any form of initiation, congratulatory strikes, or encouraging excessive alcohol consumption. These actions destroy trust and confidence, hinder personal and professional development, and are contrary to good order and discipline.
3. Marines, as leaders, will not engage in or consent to any act of hazing nor allow any act of hazing, either by condoning or ignoring the acts. It is the responsibility of every Marine to take active steps to prevent and eliminate these destructive acts from our ranks.
4. If you suspect any incidents of hazing, first take immediate action to stop the event. Then, immediately notify your chain of command to report cases of and/or suspected cases of hazing. These reported case will be swiftly investigated and resolved by your detachment leadership. If you are found in violation of this policy you will be subject to administrative and or disciplinary action. This actions may include, but are not limited to administrative separation or court-martial.

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