



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
MARINE DETACHMENT
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1. Earning our coveted eagle, globe, and anchor is the only rite of passage required of any Marine. That is why hazing of any type is strictly prohibited in the Marine Corps. Marines are professional warriors who at all times treat each other with dignity, respect, and care. The heroic acts of Marines are never the result of hazing rituals or self-defined initiation. They are the end result of a sense of selflessness and belonging to something bigger than themselves - the Marine Corps.

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 actions to prevent injury. Next, 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. 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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