



## What is Sexual Assault?

*Any contact between the sex organ of one person and the sex organ, mouth, or anus of another person, or any intrusion of any part of the body of one person, or of any object into the sex organ, mouth or anus of another person, by the use of force or threat of force. Sexual assault, per this definition, includes intercourse, anal and oral sex.*

*Facts related to sexual assault:*

*Sexual assault is an act of violence, power, hostility, and control where sex is used as a weapon to dominate and humiliate another person. It is an act used to assault the body, mind, psyche and spirit of the victim. It occurs when a person is forced, threatened, coerced, or manipulated into sexual contact or acts against their will.*

*Sexual assault is a crime of violence and has nothing to do with lust or passion.*

*A rapist can be male or female. The male aggressor most frequently uses physical force, where the female aggressor uses intimidation and emotional abuse to coerce another into a sexual relationship.*

*A rapist, as well as the victim, may be either heterosexual or homosexual. Being sexually assaulted by someone of the same sex does not cause the victim to become homosexual.*

**STOP  
SEXUAL  
VIOLENCE**

## What is Sexual Misconduct

*Sexual misconduct is sexual abuse or sexual assault. It includes offender with offender sexual activity and staff with offender sexual activity.*

*Offender with Offender sexual abuse or assault is one or more offenders engaging in or attempting to engage in a sexual act with another offender, or the use of threats, buffing, inappropriate touching, or other actions or communications by one or more offenders aimed at coercing and/or pressuring another offender to engage in a sexual act. Staff with offender sexual assault includes seeking or attempting to engage in a sexual act with any offender of the intentional touching of the offender's genitalia, anus, groin, breast, inner thigh, or buttocks with the intent to abuse, humiliate, harass, degrade, arouse, or gratify the sexual desire of another person. In this definition, staff includes contractor, representatives or volunteers of any Marine Corps confinement facilities.*

*Sexual misconduct includes any solicitation of sexual activity through promises of favors and/or threatening an offender for refusing sexual advances.*

*Sexual misconduct includes invasion of privacy beyond that necessary or safety and security.*

*Sexual misconduct includes disrespectful, unduly familiar or threatening sexual comments made to offenders.*



## How can I avoid being a victim?

*Be aware of situations that make you feel uncomfortable.*

*When possible, stay within eyesight of correctional staff.*

*Be aware of your body language. Walk and stand with confidence with your head up and eyes looking around.*

*Do not permit your emotions (fear/anxiety) to be noticeable to others.*

*Do not accept favors, food, clothing, or other items from other inmates. Most gifts come with strings attached.*

*Avoid going into debt in any manner. You may be expected to repay these debts with sex. Never accept the offer of protection from another inmate because that protection frequently comes at a cost to you.*

*Never give information out about your family, friends, home or financial support.*

*Do not give the impression of having money available to you by bragging or purchasing large amounts of commissary items.*

*Do not talk or joke about sex with other inmates, especially avoid discussing your sexual experiences.*

*Avoid unnecessary or casual nudity.*

*Be alert. Contraband substances such as drugs and alcohol will weaken your ability to stay alert and make good judgments.*

*Be direct and firm if others ask you to do something you don't want to do.*

*Find an employee with whom you feel comfortable discussing your concerns about sexual misconduct.*