

**COMMANDER
NAVY REGION EUROPE, AFRICA, SOUTHWEST ASIA**

SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY STATEMENT

SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A CRIME AND AN AFFRONT TO OUR CORE VALUES!

We cannot tolerate sexual assault in our ranks. To combat it, we must encourage reporting, provide Sailors and Victim Advocates with the best possible education and training, intervene on behalf of our shipmates, and support the investigative and judicial processes that bring perpetrators to justice.

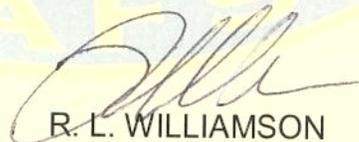
We must foster an environment in which victims of sexual assault can come forward to seek assistance and pursue justice free of judgement and social stigma. Coming forward permits access to the multitude of resources available to provide assistance and speed recovery. Moreover, by coming forward you help to ensure that no sexual assault goes unreported and overlooked.

We must protect those who report sexual assaults. Members of this command will understand the Navy's policy regarding retaliation and reprisal and should not inquire into a victim's decisions or actions pertaining to a sexual assault except as permitted by law, regulation or policy.

Members of this command are also charged with understanding the difference between restricted and unrestricted reporting of sexual assault. Everyone should be familiar with resources available to victims regardless of the form of the report and should know how to contact a SAPR Victim Advocate or Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) in order to provide timely care and support to shipmates who report sexual assault.

Eradication of sexual assault is our objective. Achieving this goal requires an all-hands effort. Members of this command are expected to intervene to the best of their ability in support of the Navy's and this Region's policies. Take action when you see someone recklessly consuming alcohol, being disrespectful towards others, coercing someone, or violating personal boundaries.

STEP IN WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE THAT NEEDS HELP, BE A LEADER AND INTERVENE!



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