



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

Sexual assault is intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. The term includes a broad category of sexual offenses consisting of, but not limited to the following: rape, sexual assault, aggravated sexual contact, abusive sexual contact, forcible sodomy (forced oral or anal sex), or attempts to commit these acts.

Sexual assault is a crime and does not have a place in the U.S. Armed Forces. Reporting a sexual assault does not disqualify you from joining the Military.

If you have been sexually assaulted or harassed at any time while processing for the U.S. Armed Forces, you are encouraged to report the incident to the nearest MEPS employee. That employee should immediately contact the MEPS Commander or someone in the Chain of Command. All complaints will be investigated.

For your information we have posters located throughout the MEPS that also contain contact information for the National Sexual Assault Hotline and the DoD Safe Helpline.

In case of an emergency, immediately call 9-1-1

Confidential help is also available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week through:

**Rape, Abuse & Incest
National Network
(RAINN)**

800-656-HOPE (4673)



DoD Safe Helpline
877.995.5247



Local Recruiter Emergency Contact:



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YOUR Personal SECURITY



For Military Entrance Processing Station Applicants

Welcome to the Military Entrance Processing Station



We provide every person with the finest, most efficient service possible.

We consider every member of the military to be a highly valued national resource. This is also true of you, the applicant for service in the armed forces.

In order to provide you a high level of service, your MEPS visit must be a safe, secure and positive experience. Many people take it for granted. We do not. Should you elect to join the armed forces, you will soon learn the safety and security of your unit, your ship or your aircraft is a vital concern of military operations.

Security and safety are a team effort...welcome to the team.



- **Report crime**
- **Report injury**

Here are some things you need to be aware of while processing at the MEPS:

- **No** guns, knives or weapons of any type.
- **No** alcohol, drugs or drug paraphernalia.
- **Do not** bring valuables or large sums of cash with you to the MEPS.
- **No** horseplay or any behavior that may be disruptive or injure others.
- **No** profanity.
- **Pay** close attention to all instructions given by MEPS personnel.
- **Obey** all MEPS procedures.
- **At no time** are you required to tip or pay for transportation or services.

At the Hotel:

- **Do not** give out personal information over the telephone. MEPS or recruiting personnel will **NOT** call asking questions.
- **Do not** give out your room number to those you do not know.
- **Do not** invite anyone into your room.
- **Do not** accept anyone else's invitation to his/her room.
- **Do not** swim alone in the hotel pool.
- **Keep** your room key or key card with you at all times.
- **Read** and follow all posted hotel security rules.
- **Avoid** "pre-shipping out" parties.
- **If you go out**, be aware of your surroundings and enter the hotel through the main lobby area.

At the Airport:

- **Report** any suspicious activity while in the MEPS or at the hotel.
- **Be** on time.
- **Follow** all airport and airline security rules.
- **Never** volunteer to "watch" the baggage of someone you do not know.
- **Maintain** physical contact with your baggage at all times.

