



MARINE CORPS BASE HAWAII POLICY STATEMENT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION & AWARENESS MONTH



Marine Corps Base Hawaii is joining the national campaign to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Prevention and Awareness Month. The 2020 Department of Defense campaign message is “United to End Domestic Abuse.”

Preventing abuse in the military community starts with promoting an understanding of what safe and healthy relationships look like, providing ways for individuals to take steps such as setting boundaries and seeking help in stressful times, and knowing what support is available in a crisis.

Getting help for an abusive relationship is difficult; during a global crisis it can be an even greater challenge. Stay-at-home orders increase risk factors for victims by keeping them in quarantine with their abuser and may cut them off from friends, relatives, and safe havens such as crisis shelters. The 2020 campaign is focused on informing family and friends of victims about how they can help and reminding victims that assistance is always available.



Key messages:

- Domestic abuse can happen to anyone and it is not their fault. The Family Advocacy Program (FAP) can link the victim to resources and support. The FAP is committed to supporting service members and their families impacted by domestic abuse through victim advocacy and crisis intervention.
- If you are concerned about your safety and need immediate support, call the National Domestic Hotline at (800) 799-7233 or live chat with an advocate at thehotline.org.
- If a friend or family member is experiencing domestic abuse, do not pressure them to leave. Instead, tell them you are there for them, that you can help plan for their safety, and seek outside support when they are ready.
- During increased isolation, schedule check-ins with loved ones who may feel unsafe at home, so you will know if they are okay or if you need to call for help.

Preventing domestic violence is a shared community responsibility. I am soliciting everyone’s support in this vital campaign this October and throughout the year. For more information on preventing family abuse, reporting abuse, and available services, call the FAP at (808) 257-8803 or the Victim Advocate 24/7 Hotline at (808) 216-7175.



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