

Getting into trouble

PLEASE READ THIS SECTION, EVEN IF YOU THINK YOU WILL NEVER GET INTO TROUBLE.

You probably think something like this would never happen to you but that is what we thought too!

It seems that it is much easier to get into trouble than you might think.

The root of this may be the differences in culture and lack of respect. Please visit our page [Cultural Differences](#) or simply [click here](#).

Most Fijians would stand up against bullying, discrimination or abuse because this is Fijian's understanding of respect and part of their caring culture.

Here in the UK it is not uncommon for discriminatory behaviour and racist comments to follow a few drinks and this can lead to arguments or fights. Alcohol can be a problem, especially for individuals who do not handle alcohol well and who do or say things they might not do or say when they are sober. Fijians usually go out with the intention of having a good time and enjoying themselves. They do not walk around talking disrespectfully to others and looking for fights because this counteracts their understanding of respect.

But if doing "the right thing" means getting into a fight or an argument to defend someone, it is unlikely that a Fijian will just "turn a blind eye".

Our advice here is: Do not defend yourself or your friend - walk away.

This might sound harsh and difficult, especially for a proud Fijian man who comes from a culture based on respect for each other. The respect which you so highly regard is likely not to be found here in Europe, especially not in the army.