

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM

How Do I Know If I Was Sexually Assaulted?

Sexual assault is a crime defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Victims of sexual assault cannot consent if they are incapacitated by alcohol, drugs, illness, or injury.¹ Sexual assault includes:

- rape,
- nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex),
- indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact, or fondling), or
- attempts to commit these acts.

Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship, or age of victim. If you have experienced a sexual assault you can anonymously speak with trained staff 24/7 by contacting the:

DoD Safe Help Line

Office: 1-877-955-5247

Text: "Installation Name" to 55-247

Online: www.safehelpline.org



What Are My Reporting Options?

Marines, Sailors, and military dependents over age 18 have two reporting options: Restricted or Unrestricted Reporting.

What Is Restricted Reporting?

This option allows a victim of sexual assault to confidentially disclose the sexual assault to specified individuals and receive medical treatment, support services, and counseling without triggering a command notification and an official law enforcement investigation. You can make a Restricted Report to any of the following individuals:

- Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)
- Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate (SAPR VA)
- health care personnel

You may also speak confidentially with Victims' Legal Counsel, a legal assistance attorney, and a Chaplain about the sexual assault without electing a report, triggering a command notification, or initiating an official law enforcement investigation. If you tell others (e.g., commander, investigator, a friend who may tell other mandatory reporters) who are outside of confidentiality policies, you may no longer be eligible to file a Restricted Report. If you elect a Restricted Report, you can always convert it to an Unrestricted Report.

What is Unrestricted Reporting?

This option will trigger a command notification and an official law enforcement investigation. Medical treatment, support services, and counseling are available. You can make an Unrestricted Report to any of the following individuals:

- SARC
- healthcare personnel
- member of your chain of command
- SAPR VA
- law enforcement

Details of the incident will only be shared with personnel who have a legitimate need to know. The Unrestricted Report option allows for the most command support and the Marine Corps to potentially hold the offender accountable. A victim is able to request a Military Protective Order, Civilian Protective Order, or an Expedited Transfer, if desired. If this report is elected, the victim may not change from an Unrestricted Report to a Restricted Report.²

NOTE: You may always contact your local installation's 24/7 sexual assault support line to speak confidentially with trained staff who can discuss your options and resources with you.

^{1,2} Department of Defense. (2015, July 7). *Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program* (DoD Instruction 6485.02). Washington, DC: Author