

STEPS SERVICE MEMBERS MAY TAKE AFTER SEXUAL ASSAULT



It can be difficult to confide in others about your experience. Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs), Sexual Assault Prevention Response Victim Advocates (SAPR VAs), and the DoD Safe Helpline are available when you are ready. These resources can help you navigate next steps and find the care and support needed to heal.

Sexual Assault is intentional sexual contact, characterized by the use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority when the victim does not or cannot consent. This includes a broad category of sexual offenses consisting of the following specific UCMJ offenses: rape, sexual assault, aggravated sexual contact, abusive sexual contact, forcible sodomy (forced oral or anal sex), or attempts to commit these offenses. (DoDI 6495.02)

▶ Where to get help

- Each installation has a **Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office**, SAPR Victim Advocates, and a 24/7 support line.
- **The DoD Safe Helpline** offers live, one-on-one support and information. Services are confidential, anonymous, secure, and available worldwide 24/7. Call **1-877-995-5247** or visit **SafeHelpline.org**.
The DoD Safe Helpline connects users with SARCs, SAPR VAs, Chaplains, legal support, medical and behavioral healthcare services, military police, local civilian sexual assault service providers, and many others.
- **Chaplains** offer complete confidentiality and can help you find your way to the appropriate resources when you are ready.
- Community-based, confidential resources are also available by contacting your **local rape crisis center** directly.

▶ How do you make a report?

Only SARCs, SAPR Victim Advocates, and healthcare personnel including clinical counselors may take a sexual assault report.

Restricted and Unrestricted Reporting Options using DD Form 2910

What happens when you make an UNRESTRICTED REPORT?

- Command is notified.
- Naval Criminal Investigative Services (NCIS) is notified and initiates an investigation.
- You will be provided support by a SARC and SAPR VA.
- You have options to access additional resources such as: medical care, counseling, advocacy, Chaplains, Victim Legal Counsels, legal assistance, military and civilian protective orders, and Expedited Transfer.

What happens when you make a RESTRICTED REPORT?

- A restricted report is confidential.
- The Installation Commander is notified of the report, but no victim information or personally identifying information is disclosed.
- No information is disclosed to law enforcement.
- You will be provided support by a SARC and SAPR VA.
- You have options to access additional resources such as: medical care, counseling, advocacy, Chaplains, and Victim Legal Counsels.

