

The Navy's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program is designed to meet the needs of victims. Services are available to victims regardless of whether the victim knows the offender, and regardless of where and when the assault took place.

What You Need to Know

It is important for you to understand the sexual assault reporting options so that you can make your choice based on how you want to proceed after an assault.

Preventing sexual assault is everyone's duty.



If you have been sexually assaulted or think you have been:

- Call 911 or base security if you are in immediate danger.
- Go to a safe location away from the attacker.
- Call the DoD Safe Helpline (1-877-995-5247) or contact a SAPR VA, SARC, or healthcare personnel (including FFSC counselor).
- Seek medical care as soon as possible. Even if you do not have any visible physical injuries, you may be injured or be at risk of becoming pregnant or acquiring a sexually-transmitted infection.
- If you suspect you have been drugged or have any memory lapses from the event, seek medical help immediately. Blood, urine, and toxicology tests can be used to detect and prosecute a sexual assault facilitated by drugs.
- Preserve all evidence of the assault. Do not bathe, go to the bathroom, change your clothes, eat or drink, wash your hands, or brush your teeth.
- Do not clean or straighten up the crime scene.



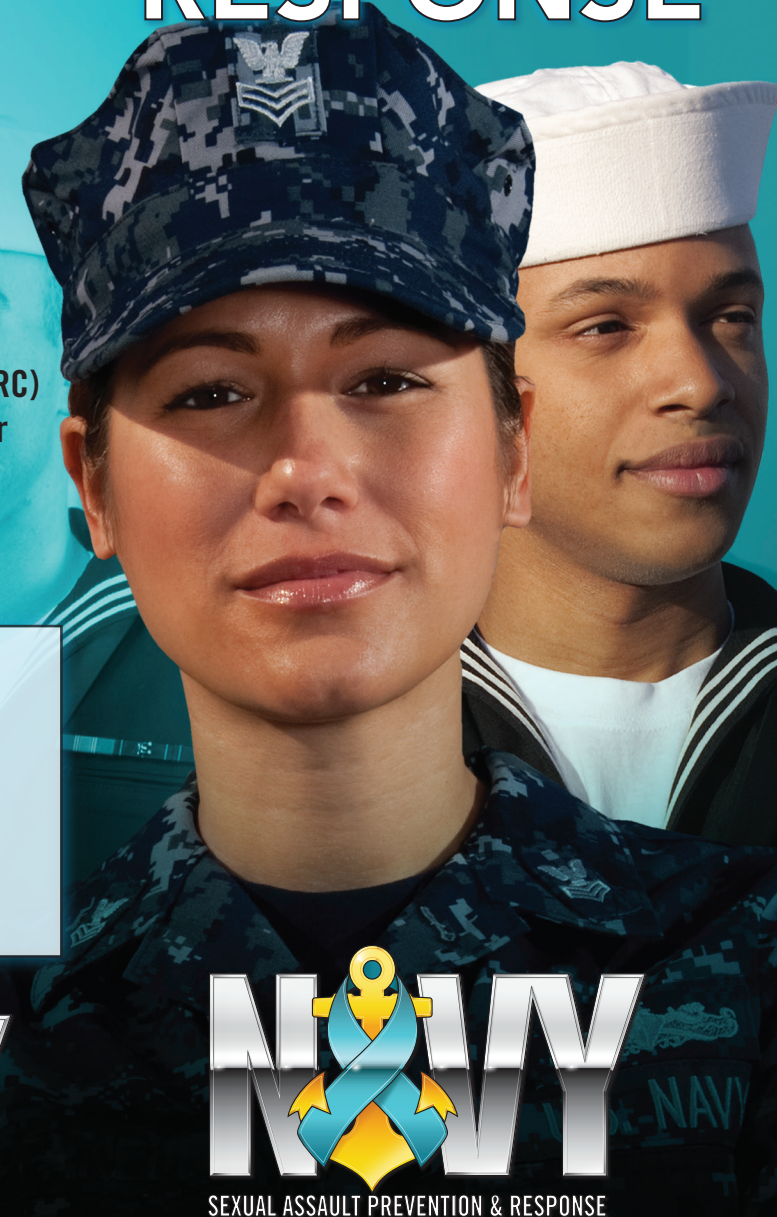
Victim Support and Resources

If you have been or ever become a victim of sexual violence, you can contact the DoD Safe Helpline (1-877-995-5247, www.safehelpline.org, or text 55-247), a SAPR Victim Advocate (VA), or your installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) at the Fleet and Family Support Center for 24/7 support. There are many resources available for victims of sexual assault.

Your local SAPR contact information:



Sexual Assault RESPONSE



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Primary Sexual Assault Resources

Sexual Assault Response Coordinators

Sexual Assault Response Coordinators (SARCs) ensure that effective victim response is available 24/7. SARCs manage and support all cases of sexual assault, oversee and train SAPR Victim Advocates, train key Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) personnel, and support prevention and awareness training at each command.

SAPR Victim Advocates

SAPR Victim Advocates (VAs) are trained civilian employees or unit volunteers who are committed to providing services that support and foster independent decision-making and enable victims to find their own path to healing:

- Respond immediately to victims of sexual assault
- Provide information and explain reporting options
- Help victims work through barriers
- Accompany victims during medical, investigative and legal procedures
- Make referrals for military and community assistance

Victims' Legal Counsel

A Victims' Legal Counsel (VLC) is a Navy judge advocate assigned to assist victims of sexual assault through legal and administrative challenges. VLCs work for the victims and advise, assist, and advocate for victims in cooperation with SARCs and SAPR VAs. VLCs may advise victims regarding:

- The nature and mechanics of the military justice system, its proceedings, and the roles of the primary participants;
- Rights afforded the victims under the Victim Witness Assistance Program;
- The procedures for providing evidence to the court and the potential ramifications – positive and negative – of doing so;
- Potential criminal liability of the victims and the right to seek defense services (to include assistance in securing those services);
- The availability of Navy legal assistance counsel to assist with personal civil legal matters or with obtaining military/veterans benefits (to include assistance in securing those services); and
- Eligibility for military/veterans benefits.

Reporting Options

There are two types of reporting options – unrestricted and restricted – for active-duty personnel and eligible family members (dependents age 18 or older) who have been sexually assaulted. SAPR VAs, SARCs, and VLCs are available to provide information on these reporting options.

UNRESTRICTED REPORTING – Available to All Victims

VICTIMS CAN REPORT TO:

- SAPR VA
- SARC
- Supervisor/chain of command
- Medical personnel/FFSC counselors
- Law enforcement/Naval Criminal Investigative Service
- VLC

VICTIM SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Victim advocacy
- Medical attention/forensic exam
- Counseling
- Legal assistance
- Chaplain support
- Investigation by law enforcement
- Military/civilian protective order, if required
- Process for permanent or temporary expedited transfer, or safety transfer



RESTRICTED REPORTING – Available Only to Military Personnel and Eligible Family Members

VICTIMS MUST REPORT TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- SAPR VA
- SARC
- Healthcare personnel, including clinical counselors

VICTIM SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Victim advocacy
- Medical attention/forensic exam
- Counseling
- VLC support consistent with restricted reporting status
- Legal assistance
- Chaplain support

The restricted reporting option gives victims the opportunity and the time to get information and professional advice about their rights and available services without triggering a law enforcement investigation or command notification. A victim may decide to change the restricted report to an unrestricted report at any time. Note: Due to laws in some locations, not all medical personnel can offer victims confidential reporting.



Other Resources

Legal Assistance*

A Navy legal assistance attorney can help you address personal, civil legal matters. This may include issues involving family law, consumer law, or other issues impacting your legal rights. You can seek support from a Navy legal assistance attorney through the SARC, VA, VLC, or by making an appointment at the local Region Legal Service Office (RLSO).

Chaplain Support*

A military chaplain is a part of the support network for victims of sexual assault, providing pastoral counseling and advising in moral and ethical issues. If you need to talk about a sexual assault or traumatic situation in which someone was victimized, keep your chaplain in mind as a resource.

**Privileged communications between a legal assistance attorney or chaplain and a victim ensure that the information is confidential, and the attorney or chaplain will not contact the command or law enforcement.*

DoD Safe Helpline

Secure, confidential support and referrals to the DoD community
Toll-free 1-877-995-5247
Text 55-247 (001-202-470-5546 outside the U.S.)
www.safehelpline.org

The Department of Defense has contracted with RAINN to provide independent and anonymous services for this hotline for the DoD community.

DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO)

www.sapr.mil

National Sexual Assault Hotline**

Free, confidential counseling available 24/7
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

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

www.rainn.org

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