

Contact your Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA) or Command SARC for more information
OR to confidentially report a sexual assault

TO CONFIDENTIALLY REACH A 24/7 VICTIM ADVOCATE CALL 760-500-1707

Reporting Options

Sexual Assault is the most under reported crime in our society and in the military. While the Department of Defense prefers complete reporting of sexual assaults to activate both victim services and law enforcement actions, it recognizes that some victims desire only medical and support services and no command or law enforcement involvement. The Department believes its first priority is for victims to be protected, treated with dignity and respect, and to receive the medical treatment, care and counseling that they deserve.

Under *DoD's Confidentiality Policy*, military victims of sexual assault have two reporting options - Restricted Reporting and Unrestricted Reporting.

Military retirees, dependents, and other civilian victims only option is Unrestricted Reporting.

Restricted Reporting

Restricted Reporting allows Active duty or Active Reservist victims of sexual assault to receive appropriate medical treatment, victim advocacy, and counseling services without triggering a formal report to PMO, NCIS, and the chain of command. Restricted Reporting protects the victim's identity and, except in the rarest of instances, assures absolute confidentiality.

☞ Benefits of restricted reporting

- Allows Marine/Sailor to receive advocacy services, counseling, medical attention and/or preventative services without identifying self as a victim to the command or law enforcement.
- Victim can undergo Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) to collect potential evidence from the assault
- Command will not be notified that the sexual assault occurred
- You may, at any time, choose to change a Restricted report to an Unrestricted report.

☞ Drawbacks of restricted reporting

- Because the command does not receive information about the sexual assault, the command will not be able to separate the victim and offender, a Military Protective Order will not be issued, and the offender will not be apprehended.

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Unrestricted Reporting

Unrestricted Reporting allows victims of sexual assault to receive medical treatment, victim advocacy, counseling services, investigative and legal support. The sexual assault is reported to the victim's command and military law enforcement. The victims of sexual assault can receive medical treatment, victim advocacy, and counseling services.

Benefits of Unrestricted Reporting:

- ☞ Allows Marine to receive advocacy services, counseling, medical, and legal support
- ☞ Victim can undergo Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) to collect potential evidence from the assault.
- ☞ The incident will be investigated by law enforcement.
- ☞ Offender may be apprehended and face conviction.
- ☞ Military Protective Order may be issued.
- ☞ Command must separate victim and offender if safety is an identified concern
- ☞ Expedited Transfer is an option
- ☞ Victim may opt out of the process at any time.

(Note: Law enforcement is required to continue investigation, but victim cannot be forced to cooperate).

In order to make a fully informed choice about your sexual assault, please speak to your Uniformed Victim Advocate or Command SARC. Once you inform law enforcement officials or a service member in your chain-of-command, a Restricted report is no longer an option.

Protect your right to privacy by understanding your reporting options!

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