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Surviving a Sexual Assault

The assault may have been committed by a stranger, an intimate partner, a family member or an acquaintance. Regardless of who assaulted you, **that person has committed a crime**. You are not to blame for what another person has done to you.

No one responds to sexual assault in the same way. The wide range of emotions and feelings you may experience are **NORMAL**. You are not alone. There are people here to help.

Immediate medical care is essential and can be coordinated through the National Guard Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or Victim Advocates (Army and Air).

The National Guard Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program provides crisis intervention and support services to military service members or their dependents who are victims of sexual assault. This support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program



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What is Sexual Assault?

Sexual Assault Defined

- ⇒ An intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, physical threat, abuse of authority, coercion, or when the victim does not or cannot consent
- ⇒ Includes rape, non-consensual sexual acts, and intimate partner sexual violence
- ⇒ Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, sexual orientation, spousal relationship, or age of victim

What Should I Do?

If You (or someone you know) have been sexually assaulted:

- ◆ Go to a safe location away from the perpetrator
- ◆ Call 911 for local law enforcement
- ◆ Preserve all evidence of the assault
- * Do not bathe, wash your hands, brush your teeth, eat or smoke
- * If you are still at the location of the crime, do not clean or straighten up or remove anything from your surroundings
- * Reach out for help



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Option 1: Restricted Reporting

Confidentiality/Restricted Reporting

- Allows service members or their adult military dependents who have been sexually assaulted the option to report the assault to specified individuals without triggering the investigative process. These individuals are: Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA), Healthcare provider or Chaplain/Chaplain's Assistant
- Victims are able to obtain necessary healthcare, advocacy and legal services, optional Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE), information on crime victim's rights and ongoing nonclinical support and referral services
- Empowers the victim to seek relevant information and support to make an informed decision about participation in the criminal process
- Intended to give the victim additional time and increased control over the release and management of their personal information
- Military retiree, DoD civilian, and DoD contractor victims currently may use only Unrestricted Reporting

What is a SARC?

- ◇ The SARC (Sexual Assault Response Coordinator) coordinates sexual assault victim care.
- ◇ Assigns a VA to help obtain necessary services and to provide crisis intervention, referral and ongoing nonclinical support. Support will include providing information on available options and resources so a victim can make informed decisions about his/her case.
- ◇ Conducts sexual assault case management
- ◇ Oversees training and education for VA, Community, Responders
- ◇ Reports directly to the senior NVNG commander

Option 2: Unrestricted Reporting

Unrestricted Reporting

- ◆ Military service members or their dependents who are sexually assaulted and desire medical treatment, counseling, and an official investigation should use current military reporting channels to report the assault. These include: service member's chain of command, local law enforcement, Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or Victim Advocate (VA)
- ◆ Details of the assault will only be provided to those personnel who have a legitimate need to know
- ◆ Victims are entitled to receive: an assigned Victim Advocate, medical treatment, counseling services, sexual assault forensic exam (SAFE), Special Victim Counsel (SVC), information on crime victim's rights, an expedited transfer or alternate drill dates, as well as ongoing nonclinical support and referral services

What is a Victim Advocate (VA)?

- Victim Advocates (VAs) provide direct assistance to survivors. They listen to victims' needs and then connect them with appropriate resources, including medical care, mental health care, legal advice and spiritual support
- VAs work with victims to help them make informed choices
- VAs accompany survivors to medical visits, court proceedings, and other appointments as requested and continue to support them as they heal and recover

