



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION
AND RESPONSE OFFICE



Victim Reporting Options Guide

Deciding whether to report a sexual assault is a deeply personal decision. However, reporting can be a gateway to recovery. The Department's Restricted and Unrestricted reporting options allow Service members who experienced sexual assault to exercise control over how and when they engage with resources.

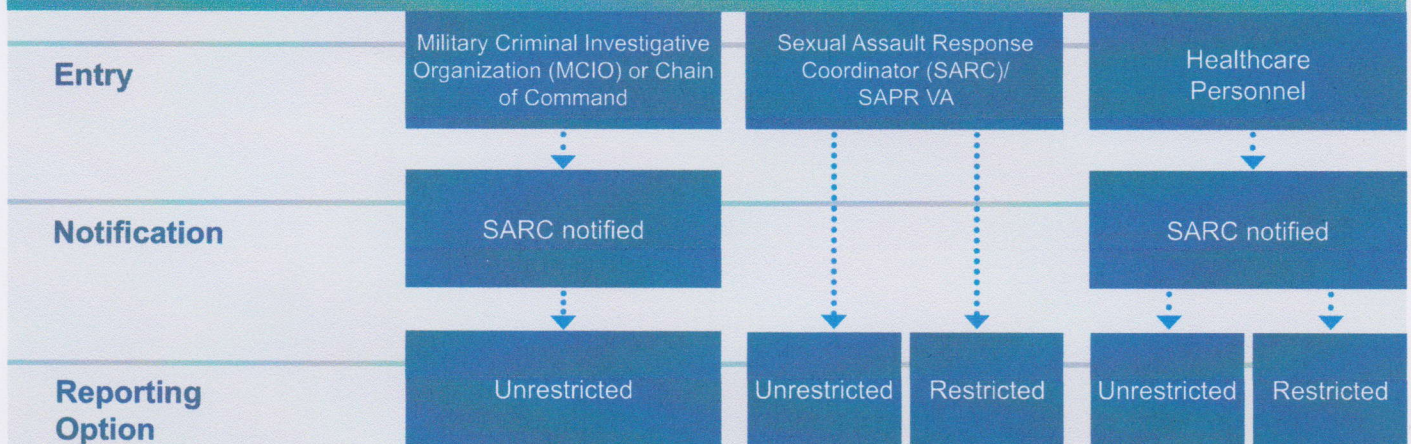
DoD's response services include:

- Confidential access to a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate (SAPR VA), regardless of reporting option selected
- Support from highly trained personnel, including Medical and Mental Healthcare providers, Special Victims' Counsel (SVC) /Victims' Legal Counsel (VLC), and Chaplains

- Professional investigative and legal response from personnel, specially trained to work with victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse
- A variety of support, recovery and safety options, including Expedited Transfer, Military Protective Order, Catch a Serial Offender Program, Case Management Group reviews and updates, and victim safety assessments
- 24/7, worldwide, anonymous and confidential support at Safe Helpline – a specialized, secure online service that provides help and information anytime, anywhere. Find more information at safehelpline.org.



VICTIM REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS



Criminal investigators and command officials will be notified when an Unrestricted Report is made.

CARE & RECOVERY SERVICES

After an incident of sexual assault, those affected can seek many of the same care and recovery services

Available Services for Unrestricted Reporting Option		Available Services for Restricted Reporting Option	
■ SAPR Support Services	■ Legal Consultation & Representation through SVC/VLC	■ SAPR Support Services	■ Legal Consultation & Representation through SVC/VLC
■ Health Care	■ Spiritual Support	■ Health Care	■ Spiritual Support
■ Mental Health Care	■ Command Response	■ Mental Health Care	■ Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program
■ Forensic Exam (if indicated)	■ Investigation	■ Forensic Exam (if indicated)	
	■ Prosecution		