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SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION & RESPONSE DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, DOVER, DELAWARE

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) 24/7 Report Hotline: 302-363-7272 (SARC)
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Mission:

The mission of the DAFB Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program reinforce the Air Force's commitment to eliminate incidents of sexual assault through awareness and prevention training, education, victim advocacy, response, reporting and accountability. The Air Force promotes sensitive care and confidential reporting for victims of sexual assault and accountability for those who commit these crimes.

Sexual assault is criminal conduct. It falls well short of the standards America expects of its men and women in uniform. Specifically, it violates Air Force Core Values. Inherent in our core values of Integrity First, Service before Self, and Excellence in All We Do is respect: self-respect, mutual respect and respect for our Air Force as an institution.

Our core values and respect are the foundation of our wingman culture -- a culture in which we look out for each other and take care of each other. Incidents of sexual assault corrode the very fabric of our wingman culture; therefore, we must strive for an environment where this type of behavior is not tolerated and where all Airmen are respected.

The SARC and Victim Advocates are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond to calls of sexual assault and can be reached at 302-363-7272 (SARC).

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

- Go to a safe location away from the perpetrator.
- Contact your local **Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)** at **302-363-7272 (SARC)** or healthcare personnel. You may also contact your chain of command or law enforcement (military or civilian), however if you do, an investigation will occur and you will not have the option of making a Restricted Report (see below). **IF YOU FEEL YOU'RE IN IMMEDIATE DANGER DIAL 911.**
- Seek medical care as soon as possible. Even if you do not have any visible physical injuries, you may be at risk of becoming pregnant or acquiring a sexually transmitted disease.
 - Ask healthcare personnel to conduct a sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE) to preserve forensic evidence.
 - If you suspect you had been drugged, request that a urine sample be collected.
- Preserve all evidence of the assault. Do not change clothes, but if you feel you must, bring soiled clothing in a paper bag – NOT PLASTIC
- Do not bathe, wash your hands or brush your teeth. Do not clean or straighten up the crime scene.
- Do not take or apply any medication for or to any injuries.
- Do not use the bathroom, but if you must, bring urine for testing in a glass or plastic container.
- Write down, tape or record by any other means all the details you can recall about the assault and your assailant.

Reporting Options: Restricted / Unrestricted Reporting

Restricted Reporting

This option is for victims of sexual assault who wish to confidentially disclose the crime to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and services without triggering the official investigative process. Service members who are sexually assaulted and desire restricted reporting under this policy must report the assault to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA), or a healthcare personnel.

Healthcare personnel will initiate the appropriate care and treatment, and report the sexual assault to the SARC in lieu of reporting the assault to law enforcement or the chain of command. Upon notification of a reported sexual assault, the SARC will immediately assign an advocate to the victim. The assigned Victim Advocate will provide accurate information on the process of restricted and/or unrestricted reporting.

At the victim's discretion/request an appropriately trained healthcare personnel shall conduct a sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE), which may include the collection of evidence. In the absence of a Department of Defense provider, the Service member will be referred to an appropriate civilian facility for the SAFE.

Who May Make A Restricted Report

Restricted reporting is available at this time only to military personnel of the Armed Forces and the Coast Guard. Military personnel include members on active duty and members of the Reserve component (Reserve and National Guard) provided they are performing federal duty (active duty training or inactive duty training and members of the National Guard in Federal (Title 10) status). Military dependents 18 years of age and older who are eligible for treatment in the military healthcare system, at installations in the continental United States (CONUS) and outside of the continental United States (OCONUS), and who were victims of sexual assault perpetrated by someone other than a spouse or intimate partner may make a Restricted Report. Retired members of any component are not eligible. Members of the Reserve Component not performing Federal duty are not eligible. Department of Defense civilian employees are not eligible.

Considerations when Electing a Restricted Report

- You receive appropriate medical treatment, advocacy, and counseling. · Provides some personal space and time to consider your options and to begin the healing process.
- Empowers you to seek relevant information and support to make more informed decisions about participating in the criminal investigation.
- You control the release and management of your personal information.
- You decide whether and when to move forward with initiating an investigation.

Unrestricted Reporting

This option is for victims of sexual assault who desire medical treatment, referral services and an official investigation of the crime. When selecting unrestricted reporting, you should use current reporting channels, e.g. chain of command, law enforcement or report the incident to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), or request healthcare personnel to notify law enforcement. Upon notification of a reported sexual assault, the SARC will immediately assign a Victim Advocate (VA). At the victim's discretion/request, healthcare personnel shall conduct a sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE), which may include the collection of evidence. Details regarding the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

Note:

Additional Restricted and Unrestricted Reporting considerations can be further discussed with your Sexual Assault Response Coordinator or Victim Advocate.

Role of the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) is considered the center of gravity when it comes to ensuring that victims of sexual assault receive appropriate and responsive care. They serve as the single point of contact to coordinate sexual assault victim care. The term Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) is a standardized term

utilized throughout the Department of Defense and the Services to facilitate communication and transparency regarding sexual assault response capability.

Role of the Victim Advocate

The Victim Advocate (VA) provides essential support and care to the victim to include providing non-clinical information on available options and resources to assist the victim in making informed decisions as they progress through resolution and healing. The VA maintains communications and contact with victim as needed for continued victim support.

Useful Telephone Numbers (area code 302 and DSN 445)

Dover AFB Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program (SAPRP) Office

SARC: 302-677-3680

SAPR Specialist: 302-677-4357 (HELP)

24/7 Report Hotline: 302-363-7272 (SARC)

Counseling Assistance

Mental Health: 302-677-2674

Family Advocacy: 302-677-2711

Base Chapel: 302-677-3932

Base Legal Assistance: 302-677-3300

Special Victims Council: 302-677-3380

DOD SAFE HELPLINE: 1-877-995-5247

Victim Witness Assistance Program: 302-677-3823

Contact Lifeline/Rape Crisis Hotline: 1-800-262-9800

Medical Assistance

Bayhealth Medical Center (DOVER DE): 302-674-4700

Tricare: 1-877-TRICARE (1-877-874-2273)

DOVER DE (Sexual Assault Nurse Exam): 302-744-7122

CHRISTIANA DE (Sexual Assault Nurse Exam): 302-733-7499

Law Enforcement

Security Forces: 302-677-6666

AFOSI: 302-677-2852

Command Post: 302-677-4201

SAPR Resource Material

- [DoD SAPR](#)
- [Military One Source](#)
- [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#)
- [RAINN](#)
- [PCAR](#)
- [NCDSV](#)
- [Video: AF SAPR Summit](#)
- [Video: Wingman Culture](#)
- [My Duty](#)

Safety/Risk Reduction Information (per DoD SAPR)

Common sense, situational awareness, and trusting your instincts may reduce your risk of being sexually assaulted.

Following the tips below may also decrease your chances of being attacked:

- If you consume alcohol, do so in moderation. Studies indicate that about half of all U.S. sexual assaults involve the use of alcohol by the offender, the victim, or both.
- Do not leave your beverage unattended or accept a drink from an open container.
- When you date someone, communicate clearly with that person to ensure he or she knows your limits from the beginning. Both verbal and nonverbal (body language) communication can be used to ensure the message is understood.
- If you go on a date with someone you do not know very well, tell a close friend what your plans are.
- You have the right to say "No" even if you:
 - Say yes, but change your mind
 - Have had sex with this partner before
 - Have been kissing or "making out"
 - Are wearing "provocative" clothing
- Always have extra money to get home. Have a plan for someone you can call if you need help.
- If you feel uncomfortable, scared, or pressured, act quickly to end the situation. Say, "Stop it" and leave or call for help.
- When you go to a party, go with a group of friends. Arrive together, watch out for each other and leave together. Be a good Wingman!
- Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Do not allow yourself to be isolated with a person you do not know or trust.
- Travel with a trusted friend or in a group.
- Plan your outings and avoid getting into a bad situation.
- Walk only in lighted areas after dark.
- Keep the doors to homes, barracks, and cars locked.
- Know where the phone is located.