## Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program provides:

- One-on-one direct interpersonal support to victim
- Crisis intervention, referral and ongoing support
  - Assists victim through initial response
  - During investigative, legal, and recovery processes (if unrestricted)
  - Information on available options and resources (on and off base) so victim can make informed decisions
- Victim accompaniment (at victim's request) during investigative interviews and medical examinations
- Confidentiality for SARC and assigned victim advocate

## If you are sexually assaulted:

- > Go to a safe place
- > Do not shower or clean up
- > Preserve the evidence (clothing, bedding, towels, etc.)
- > Get Help: Contact the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator 302-363-7272(SARC)
- > Get medical assistance
- > Get counseling
- > Make informed decisions

## **Useful Numbers & Resources**

Dover SAPR Office	(302) 677-435	7 or (302) 677-3680
Dover SAPR Report-Line (	24/7)	(302) 363-7272
DoD SAFE HELPLINE www.safehelpline.org		1-877-995-5247
DoD Sexual Assault Inforr www.sapr.mil	nation	(571) 372-2657
Military OneSource *Overseas *En español llame al *TTY/TDD Dial 711 and gi	ve the toll-free	1-800-342-9647 1-800-342-9647 1-800-342-9647 number 800-342-9647
Air Force Crossroads	ww	vw.afcrossroads.com
<u>Medical Assistance</u> Bayhealth Medical Center TRICARE		(302) 674-4700 77-TRICARE (874-2273)
Dover (Sexual Assault Nur Christiana (Sexual Assault		(302) 744-7122 (302) 733-7499
Counselling Assistance Mental Health Family Advocacy Contact Lifeline/Rape Cris Base Chapel Airman & Family Readine Base Legal Assistance		<ul> <li>(302) 677-2674</li> <li>(302) 677-2711</li> <li>7) 1-800-262-9800</li> <li>(302) 677-3932</li> <li>(302) 677-6930</li> <li>(302) 677-3300</li> </ul>
<u>Law Enforcement</u> Security Forces (LE Desk) AFOSI Command Post		(302) 677-6666 (302) 677-2852 (302) 677-4201

#### I am not a victim anymore, I am a survivor. Don't be afraid Options are available to get the help you need.







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## Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program



## **Respect Works!**



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SAPR 27/7 Report-Line: Commercial: (302) 363-7272 (SARC)

## Three Types of Reporting

#### Restricted (Confidential) Reporting

- > Contact SARC (302) 363 -SARC (7272)
- > Victim Advocate (VA) attends to victim needs
  - Provides supportive services to 18 years and above
- > Receive necessary medical care
- > Receive mental health care
- > Can make reporting decisions later
- Your report will NOT trigger an investigation; therefore, no action will be taken against offender(s) as the Enforcement and Command notnotified
- > Available only through the SARC, VA or MDG

#### **Unrestricted Reporting**

> Contact SARC (302) 363 -SARC (7272)

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- > Sexual assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts.
- > Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender or spousal relationship or age of victim.
- "Consent" shall not be deemed or construed to mean the failure by the victim to offer physical resistance. Consent is not given when a person uses force, threat

#### Independent Reporting

If anyone who has knowledge makes a report to command or law enforcement a criminal investigation is initiated.



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## **Guidelines for Reporting**

If you have been the victim of a sexual assault,

#### Remember....

- Never hesitate to get help
- Whether you choose restricted or unrestricted reporting, your action starts the response and healing process; evidence may be collected up to 72 hours after an incident; the earlier the better.
  - ✓ Bring a change of clothes (if you have already changed clothing; bring the soiled clothes in a paper bag-not plastic).
  - ✓ Avoid eating or drinking anything
  - ✓ Evidence is better preserved if you don't shower, brush your teeth or use mouth-wash.
  - ✓ Use of any type of medication on any injuries can affect test results; getting to immediate medical care is highly recommended.
  - Resist bathroom use; but if you must; bring your urine for testing in a plastic or glass container; pat dry do not wipe.
  - ✓ Try to not disturb or clean up the crime scene valuable evidence might be present.

## **Bystander Intervention**

Ask: If someone needs help and when they do...

**Act:** Assist or get help for the victim in need of assistance, or call the police, or...

**Intervene:** Remove the individual out of the immediate situation; don't leave your friend or a person in need alone with the possible offender. Be aware of the common side effects like shame, fear, helplessness, self-blame & guilt, rage, isolation among other indicators.

# Intervention & Risk Management is the key to prevention

**Be Prepared:** Travel with a friend or in groups, stay in control

**Be Alert:** Watch for signs of trouble; trust your instincts; report unauthorized visitors.

**Be Assertive:** State what you want; use a confident voice and body posture.

Consent is when you agree or express willingness or approval of what is being done or suggested to you.

## Privilege Communications and Reporting

Anything you say to the SARC or Victim Advocate cannot be used in a court of law or shared with Law Enforcement without the written consent of the Victim.

Military Rule of Evidence 514 is the governing instruction of Victim Advocate – Victim Privilege where a victim has the privilege to refuse to disclose and to prevent any other person from disclosing confidential communication between the victim and a victim advocate, in a case arising under the UCMJ, if such communication was made for purpose of facilitating advice or supportive assistance to the victim.

## Become a Victim Advocate

Air Force Victim Advocates provide essential support, liaison services, and care to a sexual assault victim. Victim Advocates are DoD certified active duty military or civilian employees.

For more information on becoming a Victim Advocate, contact SAPR Office (302) 677-4357.