

Who is a victim?

- 1 out of every 5 American women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime
- About 10% of victims are male
- 1 in 6-8 males will be a victim of sexual assault
- 86% of victims know their attacker
- In the Military , 90% know their attacker
- 75% of male and 55% of female between 18-24 involved in acquaintance rape had been drinking or using drugs
- In the military , 80% involve alcohol or drugs
- Only 16% of rapes are ever reported to police (1 in 10 women/1 in 25 men)
- Studies show sexual assault as the most under-reported crime

Leadership Actions

When leaders become aware of sexual assault the following actions must be taken:

- Ensure safety of victim!
- Inquire if victim needs medical attention or desires a victim advocate
- Separate the alleged offender from the victim
- Contact the SARC immediately
- Contact the first O-6 in command
- Inform victim of their rights
- Protect victims, witnesses, bystanders (who intervene), responders from reprisal/retaliation

103rd AW Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

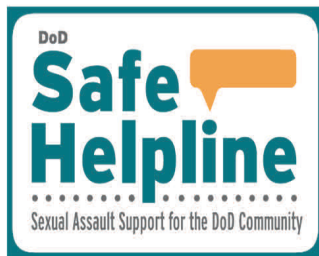


Victim's rights

Victims have a right to:

- Receive medical treatment
- To be treated with respect
- Be offered a Victim Advocate
- Be offered a Special Victim Council
- Request in writing an expedited transfer, if one works with the alleged offender
- Receive a civilian and or military no contact order
- Request a civilian and military protective order
- File a restricted or unrestricted case

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Key Terms

Sexual Violence

Sexual Violence is a crime and will not be tolerated in the Connecticut National Guard. Both sexual harassment and assault have a devastating and lasting impact on victims. They undermine unit cohesion and combat readiness, and have no place in the Connecticut National Guard.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual Harassment is defined as a form of gender discrimination that involves unwelcomed sexual advances and attention; requests for sexual favors; and other verbal, physical, or written conduct of a sexual nature that creates a hostile work environment or makes someone's job or career advancement a condition of their participation in the request for sexual favors.

Sexual Assault

Sexual Assault is defined as intentional sexual contact characterized by the use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual Assault includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy, indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts. Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship, or age of victim. A current or previous dating relationship or the manner of dress of the person involved with the accused in the sexual conduct at issue shall not constitute consent.

Read More in AFI 90-6001

Reporting Options

Restricted Report

Enables military members to report allegations of sexual assault to specified personnel, without triggering an investigation. Specified personnel include the SARC, a healthcare provider, trained Victim Advocate or chaplain.

Provides confidential reporting. Allows access to medical care, counseling and a victim advocate but does not initiate the investigative process. Intended to give the victim additional time and increased control over the release and management of the victim's personal information.

Empowers the victim to seek relevant information and support to make an informed decision about participating in the criminal process.

Family members, civilians and retired members are not eligible to make a restricted report .

Unrestricted Report

Any report of a sexual assault made through normal reporting channels which includes the victim's chain of command, law enforcement, and or other criminal investigative service.

The SARC will be notified and assign a victim advocate to the individual. Details of the allegation will be provided only to those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

Support Services

Victim Advocates

Victim Advocates provide essential support, liaison services and care to a sexual assault victim.

Victim Advocates are active-duty military personnel and DoD civilian employees selected by the SARC and who have completed a 40-hour training and 32 hours of continuing education every 24 months.

Victim Advocates are credentialed volunteers who must possess the maturity and experience to assist in very sensitive situations.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing crisis intervention, referral and ongoing non-clinical support.
- Providing information on available options and resources to assist the victim in making informed decisions about the case.
- Services will continue until the victim states support is no longer needed.
- Does NOT provide counseling or other professional services to a victim.
- May accompany the victim, at the victim's request, during investigative interviews and medical examinations