



**Module 3  
Military Response  
to Sexual Assault**

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- Learning Objectives**
- ❖ Examine the issue of sexual violence in the military and the Department of Defense's response.
  - ❖ Identify military resources and examine your roles and responsibilities.
  - ❖ Compare and contrast roles of community-based advocates, military victim advocates (VAs), and sexual assault response coordinators (SARCs).
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**Military Policy on  
Sexual Assault**

*"It is the DoD policy to prevent and eliminate sexual assault within the Department by providing comprehensive procedures to better establish a culture of prevention, response and accountability that enhances the safety and well-being of all DoD members."*

Whitely, 2007

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### Restricted and Unrestricted Reporting

- ❖ **Restricted Reporting** is the reporting option that enables an active duty sexual assault victim to report or disclose that he or she is the victim of a sexual assault to specified officials on a confidential basis; and receive medical treatment, advocacy, and counseling without triggering the official investigative process.
- ❖ **Unrestricted Reporting** is the reporting option for a victim of sexual assault to disclose, without requesting confidentiality or Restricted Reporting, that he/she is the victim of a sexual assault.

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### Sexual Assaults Data

Total Reports of Sexual Assaults to DoD, Unrestricted Reports, and Reports Remaining Restricted from FY09-11

	FY09	FY11
Total Reports*	3,230	3,192
Unrestricted Reports	2,516	2,439
Reports Remaining Restricted	714	753

\*Both victims and perpetrators.  
(DoD Annual Report on Military Services Assault for FY11.)

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### Sexual Assaults Data

Calendar Year 2011 Unrestricted Reports of Sexual Assault

	FY09	FY11
Non Service Member on Service Member	126	139
Unidentified Subject on Service Member	303	286
Service Member on Non Service Member	749	648
Service Member on Service Member	1,338	1,366

(DoD Annual Report on Military Services Assault for FY11.)

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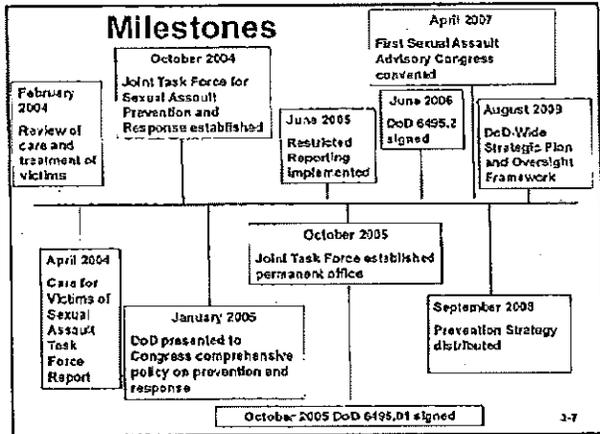
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### Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO)

- ❖ Serves as DoD's single point of accountability for sexual assault policy matters.
- ❖ Provides oversight to ensure each of the Service's compliance with DoD policy.

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### DOD Safe Helpline

- ❖ Telephone hotline (1-877-995-5247)
- ❖ Online hotline
- ❖ Texting capabilities
- ❖ Mobile application
- ❖ Transitioning Service Members

Access the Safe Helpline at:  
[www.sapr.mil/index.php/safehelpline](http://www.sapr.mil/index.php/safehelpline)

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**Resources Available  
via the Hotline**

- ❖ The nearest SARC
- ❖ Community-based advocate
- ❖ Suicide prevention – civilian and veteran
- ❖ Military OneSource

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**Activity**

*Military Victim Advocates and  
Civilian Victim Advocates  
Worksheet 3.1*

- ❖ Define "Victim Advocate" as a group.
- ❖ Listen to the descriptions of the SARC and military victim advocate.
- ❖ Read Worksheet 3.1 and note the ways in which the SARC and military victim advocate are both similar to and different from community-based victim advocates.

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**Three Paths**

1. A victim presents to law enforcement or Chain of Command and the report follows the path of an Unrestricted Report.
2. A victim presents to a SARC, victim advocate, or health care personnel and chooses to make an Unrestricted Report.
3. A victim presents to a SARC, victim advocate, or health care personnel and chooses to make a Restricted Report.

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### Military Resources

- ❖ **Victim advocate:** Crisis intervention, non-clinical support, explanation of reporting options, and Identification of available resources.
- ❖ **Medical:** Care and treatment including the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam.
- ❖ **Mental Health:** Counselors, psychologists, social workers, and psychiatrists.
- ❖ **Spiritual:** Chaplains.
- ❖ **Legal:** Legal Victim Witness Assistance Personnel and Legal Assistance attorneys.

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### Medical Services

Where available:

- ❖ Free of charge to Service Members (federal status).
- ❖ Forensic exam and level of care is the same as in the civilian community.
- ❖ Make appropriate referrals for counseling services.

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### Medical Services

Where unavailable or not used:

- ❖ Use a hospital in the civilian community for care and forensic exam.
- ❖ Know the MOUs in your community.
- ❖ Tricare covers related medical expenses.

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Questions? Comments?



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