



COMMANDING OFFICER'S SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE POLICY STATEMENT



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR). Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority, or when a victim does not or cannot consent. It is a crime that erodes trust, destroys team integrity, and goes against our core values as medical professionals. Empowering prevention through treating others with respect and dignity is an attribute of taking care of our Marines and Sailors. The Marine Corps Sexual Assault Policy is explained in Marine Corps Order 1752.5C, SAPR Program.

If a member of this command were to become a victim of sexual assault, this command and SAPR team will do everything to ensure the victim is protected and the proper resources are provided. There are two methods for reporting a sexual assault:

Restricted Reporting - The reporting option that allows sexual assault victims to confidentially disclose the assault to specified individuals (i.e., Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), SAPR Victim Advocate (VA), and on-base healthcare personnel), and receive medical treatment including emergency care, counseling, and assignment of a SARC and SAPR VA, without triggering an official investigation. The victim's report provided to on-base healthcare personnel (including the information acquired from a Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit), SARCs, or SAPR VAs will NOT be reported to law enforcement or to the command to initiate the official investigative process unless the victim consents or an established EXCEPTION is exercised in accordance with Department of Defense (DoD) policy. The Restricted Reporting option applies to Service members and their military dependents 18 years of age and older. Contact the command's SAPR team to file a restricted report.

Unrestricted Reporting - A process that an individual covered by this policy uses to disclose, without requesting confidentiality or Restricted Reporting, that he or she is the victim of a sexual assault. Under these circumstances, the victim's report provided to healthcare personnel, the SARC, a SAPR VA, command authorities, or other persons are reported to law enforcement and will be used to initiate the official investigative process. This command will maintain, to the maximum extent possible, the privacy of the reporting individual and ensure their case is disclosed only to personnel with a need-to-know.

Assistance is available via:

FMTB-W SAPR Team (760) 685-0732

DoD Safe Helpline (877) 995-5247

Camp Pendleton 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line (760) 500-1707

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