

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.

Restricted reporting gives a victim time and opportunity to get information about available services and fully explore his or her rights, so he or she can make informed decisions without the pressure of an investigation or any legal processes. Once a victim becomes fully informed about the services available to him or her, he or she may elect to change his or her restricted report to an unrestricted report.

Available for:

- Active Duty Military or Coast Guard
- Reservists performing federal duty
- National Guard in federal (Title 10) status
- Military dependents 18 years of age and older

* If you do not fall into any of these categories and would like to receive assistance for a sexual assault please contact the [DoD Safe Helpline](#). Their staff can refer you to local civilian resources that offer confidential services.

Can be reported to:

- [Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate](#) (SAPR VA)
- [Sexual Assault Response Coordinator](#) (SARC)
- Health Care Personnel

*Victims may forfeit their rights to use restricted reporting by talking to someone other than those designated.

Services available:

- Victim Advocacy
- Medical Care
- Sexual Assault Forensic Exam
- Counseling
- [Legal Assistance](#)
- [Chaplain Support](#)

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 a criminal investigation.

- You control the release and management of your personal information.
- You decide whether and when to move forward with initiating an investigation.
- You cannot receive a Military Protective Order (MPO) or be reassigned for safety.
- You may continue to have contact with the perpetrator.
- Evidence from the crime scene may be lost.
- You are limited to a few specified individuals with whom you can discuss the sexual assault.