Sexual Assault Prevention & Response (SAPR) Program Overview

Marine Corps SAPR Program

Sexual assault is a crime. The United States Marine Corps has a zero tolerance policy for sexual assault in its ranks.

The SAPR Program is dedicated to preventing sexual assault within the Marine Corps and providing continuity of care for individuals who have been sexually assaulted through effective education, policy, and program support.

The SAPR Program is a Department of Defense (DoD) program that is operational in the garrison and deployed environments worldwide.

If you or someone you know has experienced a sexual assault or would like more information, the following resources are available:

- **Safe Helpline**
  - Sexual Assault Support for the DoD Community
  - www.safehelpline.org
  - 877.995.5247

- **H&S Bn, HQMC HH**
  - 24/7 Sexual Assault Support Line
  - 571.205.1298

- **DSTRESS**
  - www.dstressonline.com
  - 877.476.7734
  - 098.970.7734 (Japan)

- **MILITARY ONESOURCE**
  - www.militaryonesource.mil
  - 877.995.5247

MARINE FAMILY
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

The Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) is the central point of contact for the SAPR Program and for all things related to sexual assault. In the Marine Corps, SARCs are located at the command, installation, and Marine Corps Forces levels.

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Victim Advocate (SAPR VA) provides support and advocacy services for individuals who have experienced a sexual assault. SAPR VAs can be either uniformed or civilian personnel.

Who is Eligible for Services?

- Service members on Active Duty, National Guard, and Reservists consistent with DoD SAPR policy; Coast Guard; and transitioning Service members.
- Family members 18 years of age and older and eligible for treatment at Military Treatment Facilities.
- DoD civilian employees and their family dependents 18 years of age and older when they are stationed or performing duties OCONUS and eligible for treatment in the military health systems at military installations or facilities OCONUS.
- U.S. citizen DoD contractor personnel when they are authorized to accompany the Armed Forces in a contingency operation OCONUS and their U.S. citizen employees.

Any active duty personnel or Reserve component member who has experienced a prior-to-Service sexual assault are eligible for SAPR services. Sexual assaults involving children and intimate partners are handled by the Family Advocacy Program. If someone is not eligible for SAPR services, SARCs will connect that person to the appropriate support services.

Services Provided by SAPR

- Sexual assault crisis intervention.
- Connection to available services.
- Advocacy and accompaniment during medical, law enforcement, command, and judicial procedures.
- Support and services at next duty station (if requested by the individual) through the SAPR Program.
- Resource for military members who experience retaliation as a result of a sexual assault report or a sexual harassment complaint.

Reporting Options

Unrestricted Reporting: Initiates an official law enforcement investigation and the support of command.

Restricted Reporting: Allows the individual to report the sexual assault confidentially without an investigation or command involvement.

- Both reporting options allow for advocacy and support services.
- In many states, medical treatment and a Sexual Assault Forensic Examination are also available for both reporting options.*
- DoD Safe Helpline, chaplains, Victims' Legal Counsel, and healthcare providers (in certain states) are not required to report a sexual assault. These resources can be used without affecting the choice to have either reporting option.*

*Check with your SAPR Program for your local mandatory reporting laws. Some healthcare providers have exceptions.