



Sexual Assault Reporting Knowledge

Member's knowledge of the sexual assault reporting options.



The following item is used to assess Sexual Assault Reporting Knowledge on the DEOCS using a 7-point response scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree.

1. All the following types of people can receive an Unrestricted Report of sexual assault. However, a Restricted (confidential) Report can only be made to certain people. Please identify which of the following types of people can and cannot take a Restricted Report. Use a response of Yes, No or not sure/Do not know.

- a. Sexual Assault Response Coordinator
- b. Victim Advocate
- c. Military Service Healthcare Personnel
- d. Anyone in my chain of command/supervision
- e. Criminal investigator and/or military police officer

	CAN	CANNOT
a.	•	
b.	•	
c.	•	
d.		•
e.		•

2. Service members who report they were sexually assaulted are eligible for the service of a military attorney.

- a. True
- b. False

	Favorable	Unfavorable
Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEOCS results reflect that members recognize the difference in unrestricted/restricted reporting • Posted social media products encourage members to file a report according to their desires • More victims (compared to previous years) are reporting the crime within three days of a sexual assault occurring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of the men and women sexually assaulted lack the confidence in the military justice system to come forward and report the crimes committed against them • Members use terms such as “I’m going to SHARP/SAPR you” and the leadership does not immediately address the comments • Members lack confidence in their current organization and submit sexual assault reports to a SARC/SAPR VA outside their organization
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Members receive care and support when both reporting options are accessible • Individuals know how and to whom to make a report, which leads to a report files and offender accountability • Increased confidence in response system and command support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of trust in the military justice system • Increased time off from work, diminished performance, morale, effectiveness, job loss or being unable to work • Service Members don’t report due to thinking it was “not serious enough” or “wanting to forget about it” • Fewer sexual assault reported incidents due to fear of negative reactions from peers, impact on reputation, and concern of possible repercussions for collateral misconduct.

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- Online Lessons
- Strategies to address issues with this factor
- Videos that can help you better understand this factor
- Web Resources and Recommended Readings
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