



Strategies to Increase Sexual Assault Reporting Knowledge

Upon completion of your Organizational Assessment, you will identify areas requiring your attention. This paper will assist you with strategies to address negative behaviors pertaining to Sexual Assault Reporting Knowledge.

How Sexual Assault Reporting Knowledge is measured on the DEOCS:

- | | Can | Cannot |
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| 1. All the following types of people can receive an Unrestricted Report of sexual assault. However, a Restricted Report (confidential) can only be made to certain people. Please identify which of the following types of people can and cannot take a Restricted Report. | | |
| a. Sexual Assault Response Coordinator | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Victim Advocate | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Military Service Healthcare Personnel (assuming state law permits) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Anyone in my chain of command or supervision | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| e. Criminal investigator and/or military police officer | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 2. Service members who report they were sexually assaulted are eligible for the service of a military attorney. | | |
| a. True | | |
| b. False | | |
| c. Not sure/Do not know | | |

Strategies

Encourage proactive training to solidify knowledge of reporting options.

- Role play a victim reporting the sexual assault process. Show members how the process works for both a restricted and an unrestricted report. Include the Chaplain, medical, legal, law enforcement, victim advocate, and the commander.
- Reiterate reporting options as often as possible (e.g., safety briefings, safety stand-down days, holiday weekends, etc.).
- Incorporate a pre-test and a post-test with training to measure retention of the reporting options.
- Create business cards/small handouts with information for members to access at any time explaining restricted/unrestricted reporting and resources to assist victims after a sexual assault.
- Ensure all members are aware who the victim advocates are and how to get in contact with them 24 hours a day.
- Have members view the Reporting Options video at: www.deomi.org/assessment-solutionsSAPR.html

Maximize learning and training effectiveness.

- Teach members that the discussion of sexual assault prevention and reporting options is a continuous process.
- Invite credible outside presenters to provide training.
- Ensure reporting options information are posted in a variety of places around the command.

Reassure victims they will not get into trouble for reporting a sexual assault.

- Communicate that victim's receiving support is your #1 priority after a sexual assault occurs.
- Ensure the safety of the victim is considered with every decision you make.



Show that the reporting options work.

- Publicize case dispositions/punishments of perpetrators so that victims and Service Members see the system works.

Additional Resources

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program
Department of Defense DIRECTIVE NUMBER 6495.01 January 23, 2012
Incorporating Change 2, Effective January 20, 2015

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program Procedures
Department of Defense DIRECTIVE NUMBER 6495.02 March 28, 2013
Incorporating Change 2, Effective July 7, 2015

Military OneSource <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>
<http://www.sapr.mil/>
<https://www.safehelpline.org/>
www.deomi.org
<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/sexualviolence/index.html>

USCG

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program
COMDTINST M1754.10E

USMC

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program
MARINE CORPS ORDER 1752-5B

USN

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program
OPNAVINST 1752.1C

USAF

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program
AIR FORCE INSTRUCTION 90-6001 Incorporating Change 1,

USA

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program
Army Regulation 600-20 CH 8

Additional Reading

Army SHARP Guidebook

<http://www.preventsexualassault.army.mil/>

USN/USMC Commander's Quick Reference Legal Handbook Jan 2015

<http://www.hqmc.marines.mil/>

The Airmen Handbook 1 October 2015

http://static.e-publishing.af.mil/production/1/af_a1/publication/afhandbook1/afhandbook1.pdf

USCG Command Toolkit

<http://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Human-Resources-CG-1/Health-Safety-and-Work-Life-CG-11/Office-of-Work-Life-CG-111/Sexual-Assault-Prevention-and-Response-Program/>

