



# REPORTING OPTIONS FOR ADULT VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

There are two reporting options for victims of sexual assault: Restricted and Unrestricted. The major difference between these reporting options is that an Unrestricted Report will trigger an official investigation, include command involvement, and allow requests for an expedited transfer and/or military protective order, whereas a Restricted Report will not. Your SARC or VA can explain your options.

## RESTRICTED REPORT

Filing a Restricted Report allows you to **confidentially** disclose a sexual assault to a SARC or VA **without** notifying your command or law enforcement.

When you file a Restricted Report, you are eligible for:

- Medical treatment
- Sexual Assault Forensic Exam
- Counseling
- Chaplain Services
- Special Victim Counsel
- Legal Advocacy
- Victim Advocacy

You may change a Restricted Report to an Unrestricted Report at any time.

## NEW UPDATE

A victim can file a Restricted Report even if...

1. The sexual assault has been inadvertently or previously disclosed to command by the victim, suspect, or third party;
2. The matter has been reported to law enforcement, to include the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division, by anyone other than the victim; or
3. An investigation is initiated, in progress, or closed.

Victims may elect to make a Restricted Report of sexual assault at any time, EXCEPT in cases where the victim:

- Personally reported the incident to law enforcement (including CID); or
- Previously filed an Unrestricted Report with a signed DD Form 2910 (the Victim Reporting Preference Statement) for the same sexual assault

## UNRESTRICTED REPORT

Filing an Unrestricted Report allows for an official investigation, command notification, and reporting to law enforcement. You can make an Unrestricted Report to a SARC, VA, law enforcement official, a commander, or health care personnel.

When you file an Unrestricted Report you are eligible for:

- Medical Treatment
- Sexual Assault Forensic Exam
- Counseling
- Chaplain Services
- Special Victim Counsel
- Legal Advocacy
- Victim Advocacy
- Command Support/Intervention
- Official Investigation

An Unrestricted Report also allows you to request protective and support measures like an Expedited Transfer or Military Protective Order. An Unrestricted Report cannot be changed to a Restricted Report.

## Recognizing and reporting retaliation for an Unrestricted Report of sexual assault:

Retaliation may consist of the following acts:

- Reprisal
- Ostracism
- Maltreatment, including cruelty and oppression

Report Retaliation to the following:

- Brigade SARC
- Installation IG
- DoD IG Hotline: 800.424.9098
- DoD Safe Helpline: 877.995.5247

For more information on retaliation reporting options visit <https://www.safehelpline.org/experiencing-retaliation-after-sexual-assault>

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