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Welcome back to the latest edition of the 3ID Legal Assistance Newsletter!
This edition of the Legal Assistance Newsletter provides basic guidance regarding reporting sexual assault and domestic violence crimes.

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Victims of sexual abuse or domestic violence have the right to report incidents of the crime. There are two types of reporting: Restricted and Unrestricted.

Restricted Report

Under a restricted report, victims are eligible for *limited services* including legal advice, medical treatment, and advocacy services.

To make a restricted report, victims can only make reports to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA), Special Victims' Counsel (SVC), Chaplain, Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR), Sexual Assault Medical Forensic Examiner, and Special Victim Investigation and Prosecution (SVIP), FAP clinicians, and health care providers. These individuals must keep the report information confidential if the victim requests.

A restricted report **CAN** become unrestricted at any point.

Unrestricted Report

To make an unrestricted report, victims can report to any of the individuals listed above plus the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), Military Police Investigation (MPI), and command. CID, MPI, and command, have a duty to respond and trigger an investigation if they receive information about a crime.

When an unrestricted report is made, the victim can obtain a military protective order, and/ or a civilian protective order, receive a response from command, potentially participate in prosecution of the crime, and report retaliation.

An unrestricted report **CANNOT** become a restricted report.

Services Offered when Reporting

Either reporting options open the following services to victims: SARC/VA advocacy services, healthcare, mental health care, sexual assault forensic examination, consultation and representations through SVC, spiritual support through military chaplains, victim safety assessments, and participate in CATCH a serial offender program when the name is a suspect is not reported or known by law enforcement.

Victims can ask for more information and walk through the process on the different reporting options by contacting SARCs, VAs or SVCs.

If you have inquiries or would like to schedule an appointment with one of our attorneys, please fill out a request form on our website or stop by one of our office locations.

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