

REPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULT

Restricted Reporting

Restricted Reporting allows a military member who is a victim of sexual assault, on a confidential basis, to disclose the details of his/her assault to specifically identified individuals and receive medical treatment and counseling, without triggering an official investigative process. Service members who are sexually assaulted and desire restricted reporting under this policy should report the assault to the Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate, Chaplain or a Healthcare Provider. If victim consents, the SARC will assign a Victim Advocate.

Unrestricted Reporting

Unrestricted Reporting allows a service member who is sexually assaulted and desires medical treatment, counseling, and an official investigation of his/her assault to use current reporting channels (e.g. chain-of-command, law enforcement, or he/she may report the incident to the SARC or Victim Advocate). Upon notification of a reported sexual assault, the SARC will immediately notify a Victim Advocate. Additionally, with the victim's consent, the healthcare provider shall conduct a medical exam and/or forensic examination.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

U.S. Army Sexual Assault Prevention
& Response Program
www.sapr.mil

DoD Sexual Assault Prevention
& Response Program
www.sexualassault.army.mil

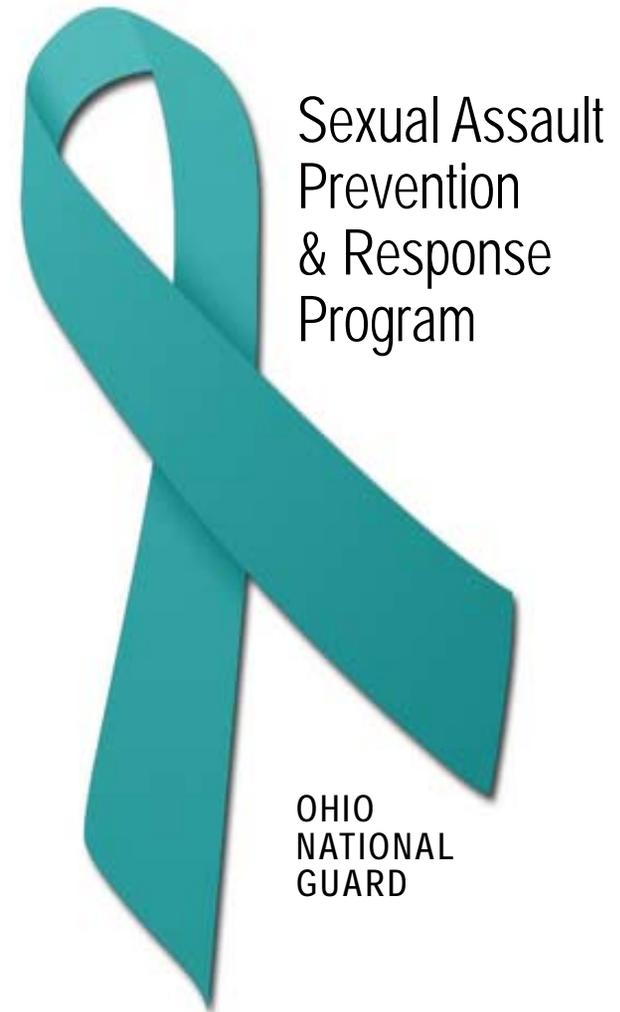
Military One Source
www.militaryonesource.com
800-342-9647

Rape Abuse & Incest
National Network (RAINN)
www.rainn.org
800-656-HOPE (4673)



OHIO NATIONAL GUARD
State Sexual Assault
Response Coordinator
614-336-7159

Assistant State Sexual Assault
Response Coordinator
614-336-4304



STATE RESOURCES

Northwest: The Link-Victim Services:
419-352-1545 or toll free: 800-472-9411

Northeast: Cleveland Rape Crisis Victim Services:
216-619-6192

Central: Sexual Assault Response Network of Ohio
(SARNCO): 614-267-7020

Southwest: Rape Crisis & Abuse Center:
513-872-9259 or toll free: 888-872-9259

Southeast: Crisis Services:
888-475-8484 or 740-593-3344

Live 1-on-1 Help Confidential Worldwide 24/7

DoD
Safe Helpline
Sexual Assault Support for the DoD Community

Help is just a *Click, Call or Text* away!

For confidential victim assistance
visit www.SafeHelpline.org



SEXUAL ASSAULT
24 Hr Response Hotline
877-751-5628

Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD - 614-336-7159 OR 614-336-4304

WHAT IS SEXUAL ASSAULT?

Sexual Assault is defined as intentional sexual con-tact, characterized by use of force, physical threat, abuse of authority, coercion or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Failure to say "No" does not constitute consent.

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"We fully support our Ohio Guard members who have experienced the trauma of a sexual assault. If you are a victim of sexual assault, don't allow yourself to be victimized. Report it or ask for help."

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SEXUALLY ASSAULTED

- Do your best to become free of the attacker and proceed to a safe place
- Do not shower, brush your teeth, eat or drink
- Do not use the bathroom before obtaining medical attention
- Do not remove clothing that you were wearing during the assault
- Report directly to a hospital and seek medical attention
- Request that the SARC or a Victim Advocate be contacted
- Recording details is an important action following an assault

SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS HAVE RIGHTS TO:

- Be treated with fairness and respect for one's dignity and privacy
- Be reasonably protected from the accused
- Be notified of court hearings
- Be present at public court hearings unless the court determines otherwise for fairness or other good causes
- Receive information regarding investigation, trial, conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release
- Confer with an attorney for Government restitution, if appropriate

ACTIVE BYSTANDER INTERVENTION

- Assess for safety. Ensure that all parties are safe. When deciding to intervene your personal safety should be #1 priority.
- Be with others. If safe to intervene, you're likely to have a greater influence on the parties involved when you work together with someone or several people. Your safety is increased when you stay with a group of friends that you know well.
- Care for your fellow Soldier or Airman. If it appears that some-one's attempts to fend off the unwanted sexual advances aren't working, we want you to feel responsible for the welfare of an-other human being, and to offer help—even if that person is not aware they need help.

NATIONAL GUARD POLICY ON SEXUAL ASSAULT

- SAPR is a Command program
- Sexual assault is incompatible with the Army Values and Warrior Ethos
- Sexual assault impacts mission readiness
- Sexual assault decreases the ability to work effectively as a team
- Prevention of sexual assault will include training, education and awareness
- All victims will be assisted with dignity, fairness, and respect
- Confidential reporting is available
- Sexual assault is a criminal offense and addressed under UCMJ, local, and federal laws

SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE MILITARY ENVIRONMENT

In the U.S. Armed Forces, sexual assault degrades individual resilience and erodes unit integrity. Service members risk their lives for each other and seek to help fellow Service members out of harm's way. Sexual assault breaks this important bond and tears apart military units. An effective fighting force cannot tolerate sexual assault within its ranks. Leading studies indicate that most sexual assaults that occur in America are not reported to law enforcement. DoD's own statistics indicate that approximately 20 percent of unwanted sexual contacts are reported to a military or civilian authority. Underreporting poses a serious challenge to military readiness because the potential consequences and human costs of sexual assault are extremely high. Chronic psychological consequences may include depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, and substance abuse. Sexual assault is incompatible with military culture and values, and the costs and consequences for mission accomplishment are unbearable.

-DoD Annual Report
on Sexual Assault in the Military