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Unrestricted Reporting:

[What is Unrestricted Reporting?](#)

This reporting option is for victims of sexual assault who desire an official investigation of the crime.

[How do I make an Unrestricted Report?](#)

Service members who are sexually assaulted and want to make an Unrestricted Report may report the assault to a SARC, VA, healthcare personnel, a member of your chain-of-command, law enforcement, legal personnel, or a chaplain.

[Who will know I made an Unrestricted Report?](#)

The SARC will be notified and will immediately assign a VA. Your commander will be informed and the military criminal investigative agency (e.g., Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID), Naval Criminal Investigation Service (NCIS), Air Force Office of Special Investigation (OSI)) will be informed, as well as legal personnel. Victim's rights apply, and you will be assigned Victim-Witness Assistance Personnel to assist you with navigating the military justice process and enforcing your rights.

Also, any healthcare personnel you choose to receive services from (e.g., counselor or nurse) will know. Details about the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

[What happens when I make an Unrestricted Report?](#)

The SARC will immediately assign a VA, who will fully explain your options, benefits, and limitations associated with Unrestricted Reporting.

Victim Witness Assistance Personnel will be assigned who will fully explain your rights throughout the entire military justice process.

Additionally, Special Victims' Counsel are available to represent victims in a confidential, attorney-client relationship, throughout the investigation and prosecution processes.

[What are my rights as a victim of crime?](#)

Sexual assault victims have rights throughout the investigation, command-decision making phase, and military justice process.

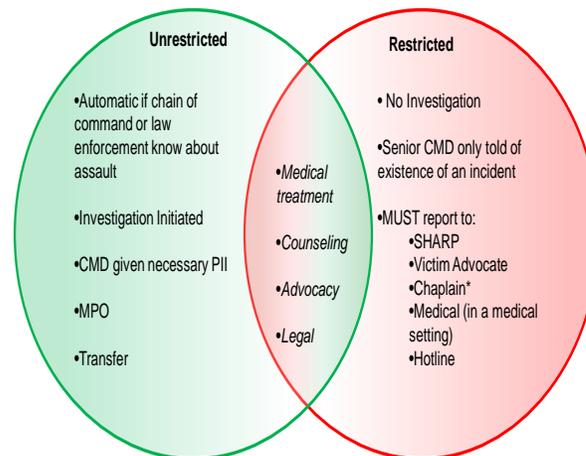
These rights are about the victims' participation in the criminal justice system and provide for reasonable protection, privacy, information, respectful treatment and more as described below.

DoD law enforcement and legal personnel directly engaged in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crimes are responsible for ensuring that victims of military-related crime are accorded the following rights:

- To be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity and privacy;
- To be reasonably protected from the accused offender;
- To be notified of court proceedings;
- To be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense, unless the court determines that testimony by the victim would be materially affected if the victim heard other testimony at trial;
- To confer with the attorney for the government in the case;
- To receive available restitution; and
- To be provided information about the conviction, sentencing, imprisonment, and release of the offender.



The Nitty-Gritty of Reporting



As always, communication with a chaplain is privileged and will not constitute a report of any type

SHARP Program: **I AM THE FORCE BEHIND THE FIGHT**



Restricted Reporting:

[What is Restricted Reporting?](#)

This reporting option allows you to confidentially disclose the crime to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocates (VA), or healthcare personnel so that you can receive medical treatment and services.

If you file a Restricted Report, your chain-of-command will not be notified, and there will not be an official investigation of the crime (so the person who attacked you will not be questioned or disciplined). If you want to pursue criminal charges, you must file an Unrestricted Report.

You may also speak confidentially with a special victim's counsel/victim's legal counsel, legal assistance attorney and chaplain about the sexual assault without triggering a report, command notification or an investigation.

[To whom can I make a Restricted Report?](#)

You can only make a Restricted Report by contacting a SARC, VA, or healthcare personnel. It is important that you only disclose the attack to these people. If you tell others (e.g., commander, investigator, friend who may tell other mandatory reporters), you may no longer be eligible for Restricted Reporting.

[Who will know I made a Restricted Report?](#)

Your SARC and VA will know you made a Restricted Report. Also, any healthcare personnel you received services from (e.g., counselor, nurse) will know.

[What if I have already told others about what happened?](#)

Please immediately discuss the circumstances of whom and when you told others with your SARC, who will help you understand the impact this may have on your reporting options.

[Can I get medical treatment if I make a Restricted Report?](#)

Yes. Your SARC or VA can assist you with scheduling an appointment at a medical treatment facility on or off base.

[What happens to my report?](#)

If you choose the Restricted Reporting option, then your report goes no further than the SARC. You will be given a copy of the DD Form 2910, Victim Reporting Preference Statement, which documents that you made a Restricted Report, for safe keeping, and the SARC will keep a hard copy for up to five years, unless you request it be held longer. [View DD Form 2910](#), Victim Reporting Preference Statement.

- The SARC will notify the commander that a Restricted Report was made to ensure environmental awareness, but will NOT disclose any information that might identify you.
- With Restricted Reporting, there will be no criminal investigation and your attacker will not be questioned or disciplined. If you want to pursue criminal charges, you must file an Unrestricted Report. Criminal investigators, your commander, and the accused's commander will be informed if you make an Unrestricted Report, and a criminal investigation will take place.
- Please discuss your rights and the consequences and benefits of each reporting option and with your SARC or VA.

[Can I later change my Restricted Report to an Unrestricted Report?](#)

Yes. You may change a Restricted Report to an Unrestricted Report at any time. Please discuss how to do this with your SARC or VA.