

Be A Victim Advocate

Victim Advocates are active-duty military personnel and DoD civilian employees selected by the SARC and who have completed a 40-hour training course.

Victim Advocates are volunteers who must possess the maturity and experience to assist in very sensitive situations. They provide essential support, liaison services and care to a sexual assault victim.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing crisis intervention, referral and ongoing non-clinical support
- Providing information on available options and resources to assist the victim in making informed decisions about the case
- Services will continue until the victim states support is no longer needed
- Does NOT provide counseling or other professional services to a victim
- May accompany the victim, at the victim's request, during investigative interviews and medical examinations

For more information on becoming a Victim Advocate, please contact our office at 987-2697

Sexual Assault Statistics

- 1 out of every 5 American women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime
- About 10% of victims are male
 - In Arkansas, 20% are male
- 78% of victims know their attacker
 - In the Air Force, 90% know their attacker
- 75% of male and 55% of female students involved in acquaintance rape had been drinking or using drugs
 - In the Air Force, 80% involve alcohol or drugs
 - On LRAFB, 98% of incidents involve alcohol
- Only 16% of rapes are ever reported to police (1 in 10 women/1 in 25 men)
 - Air Force stats are unknown

Useful Numbers/Resources

Little Rock Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office	501-987-2697
24 Hour Sexual Assault Hotline	501-987-7272
Little Rock Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate	
Emergency Contact	591-707-3379
DOD Sexual Assault	www.sapr.mil
Military OneSource	1-800-342-9647 www.militaryonesource.com
Healing Hearts & Spirits Sexual Violence Support Center	www.hhscenter.org
Business Line	501-372-3800
24-Hour Hotline	1-855-643-5748
UAMS Medical Center	
Emergency Room	501-526-2085
Medical Assistance	
Base Clinic Appointments	501-987-8811
Humana (TriCare)	1-800-444-5445
Mental Health Assistance	
Mental Health Clinic	501-987-7338
Family Advocacy	501-987-7377
Airman & Family Readiness	501-987-6801
Base Chapel	501-987-6014
Base Legal Assistance	501-987-7886
Equal Opportunity (EO)	591-987-8629
Law Enforcement	
Security Forces	501-987-3221
AFOSI	501-987-6116
Command Post (off duty hrs)	501-987-1900
Local Prosecutor's Office	
Victim/Witness Coordinator	501-340-8098
Emergency Shelters	
Women & Children First	501-376-3219
Dorcas House	501-374-4022
Office of the Attorney General	1-800-482-8982
Crime Victim's Assistance	www.ag.state.ar.us
Arkansas Coalition Against Sexual Assault (ACASA)	www.acasa.ws
Rape & Incest National Network	www.rainn.org
Male Survivor Resource	www.malesurvivor.org



Little Rock Air Force Base Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office (SAPRO)



Sexual Assault Hotline
987-7272



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Types of Reporting

Restricted Report

- Enables military members and military dependents (age 18 and over) to report allegations of sexual assault to specified personnel, without triggering an investigation. Specified personnel include the SARC, a healthcare provider, trained Victim Advocate or chaplain
- Provides confidential reporting
- Allows access to medical care, counseling and a victim advocate but does not initiate the investigative process
- Intended to give the victim additional time and increased control over the release and management of the victim's personal information
- Empowers the victim to seek relevant information and support to make an informed decision about participating in the criminal process

Unrestricted Report

- Any report of a sexual assault made through normal reporting channels which includes the victim's chain of command, law enforcement, and the AFOSI or other criminal investigative service
- The SARC will be notified and assign a victim advocate to the individual
- Details of the allegation will be provided only to those personnel who have a legitimate need to know
- Victims can ask for an expedited transfer from their unit or installation to protect them from harassment and remove them from the proximity to the alleged perpetrator.

Independent Report

- Information about a sexual assault is disclosed to command from an independent or third-party source
- An official investigation may be initiated based upon an independent report

SVC Program

Special Victims' Counsel Program (SVC) is a program to provide legal assistance to sexual assault victims.

SARC will remain single Point of Contact for coordinating victim care services. Please contact our office for support at 987-2697.

The purpose is to:

- Provide advocacy to protect the rights afforded to victims in the military justice system
- Provide advice to develop victims' understanding of the investigatory and military justice processes
- Empower victims by removing barriers to their full participation in the military justice system



Guidelines for Reporting

- Immediately report any assault
- Never hesitate to get help
- Do not bathe or clean up
- Do not change your clothes
- Do not brush your teeth or use mouthwash
- Do not use the bathroom, but if you must, save your voided urine for testing
- Do not eat or drink anything
- Do not take or apply any type of medication to any injuries
- Do not disturb or clean up the crime scene

What Is Sexual Assault?

- Sexual assault is a crime
- Defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, threats, intimidation, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent
- Includes rape, forcible sodomy (oral or anal sex), and other unwanted sexual contact that is aggravated, abusive, or wrongful (including unwanted and inappropriate sexual contact), or attempts to commit these acts.
- Sexual assault is a crime punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice
- Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship or age of victim
- Sexual assault is criminal conduct
- It falls well short of the standards America expects of its men and women in uniform
- It violates Air Force Core Values

You Don't Have to Be Alone

If you have been a victim of sexual assault, REMEMBER....

1. The assault was NOT your fault. You did not cause it to happen. It is solely the fault of your perpetrator.
2. People are here to help. We are committed to supporting you and your family members in the most sensitive and private way possible.
3. There is no "right way" in dealing with sexual assault. Get angry and stand up for yourself. Let the SARC/Victim Advocate put you in touch with all the resources and assistance available to you.
4. Take care of yourself and ask for what you need. Before washing or cleaning up, seek medical attention.