

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PROGRAM**

# How Do I Report a Sexual Assault?

Deciding whether to report a sexual assault is a deeply personal decision. However, reporting can be a gateway to recovery. The Coast Guard's Restricted and Unrestricted reporting options allow Service members who experienced sexual assault to exercise control over how and when they engage with resources.

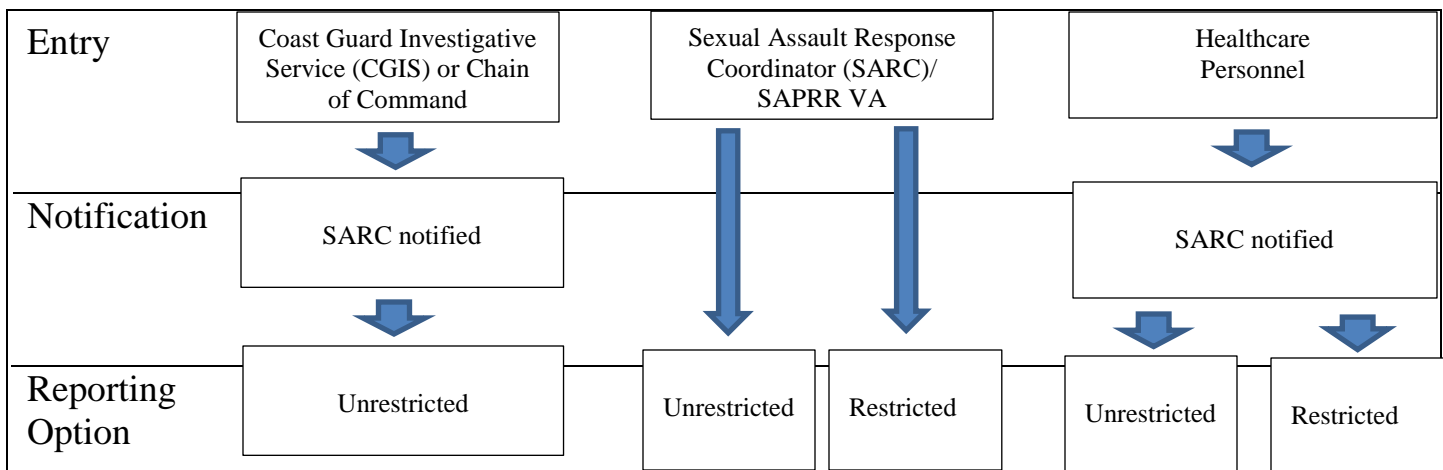
Coast Guard's response service includes:

- Confidential access to a Sexual Assault Prevention, Response and Recovery Victim Advocate (SAPRR VA), regardless of reporting option selected
- Support from highly trained personnel, including Healthcare providers, Special Victims' Counsel (SVC), and Chaplains

- Professional investigative and legal response from personnel, specially trained to work with victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse
- A variety of support, recovery and safety options, including Expedited Transfer, Military Protective Order, Catch a Serial Offender Program, Case Management reviews and updates, and victim safety assessments
- 24/7, worldwide, anonymous and confidential support at Safe Helpline – a specialized, secure online service that provides help/information anytime, anywhere. Find more information at [safehelpline.org](http://safehelpline.org).



## VICTIM REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION PROCESS



Criminal investigators and command officials will be notified when an Unrestricted Report is made.

## CARE & RECOVERY SERVICES

After an incident of sexual assault, those affected can seek many of the same care and recovery services

### Available Services for Unrestricted Reporting Option

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| - SAPRR Support Services | - Legal Consultation & Representation through SVC |
| - Medical Care           | - Spiritual Support                               |
| - Counseling             | - Command Response                                |
| - Investigation          | - Prosecution                                     |

### Available Services for Restricted Reporting Option

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| - SAPRR Support Services                  | - Legal Consultation & Representation through SVC |
| - Medical Care                            | - Spiritual Support                               |
| - Counseling                              | - Forensic Exam (if indicated)                    |
| - Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program |   |

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## ***If you have been, or think you may have been sexually assaulted recently:***

1. If possible, go to a safe location away from perpetrator. **If in IMMEDIATE DANGER call 9-1-1** inside the U.S. For international emergencies, please follow protocol for international emergency procedures or contact local law enforcement.
2. Call your [Sexual Assault Response Coordinator \(SARC\)](#) or [Victim Advocate \(VA\)](#) to preserve your Reporting rights
  - Please see the [Glossary of Terms](#) for more information concerning **Restricted and Unrestricted Reporting**
  - SARCs and VAs can help provide further support regarding medical care, forensic exams, and other next steps
  - More information can be found in the [SAPR Program Policy Manual](#) and [SAPR TTP](#)
3. The 24/7 DoD Safe Helpline also provides assistance. Users have three ways to access their services - "click, call or text" for confidential support, available 24/7 worldwide.

*Click* - Logging on to [www.SafeHelpline.org](http://www.SafeHelpline.org) for live, one-on-one confidential help with a trained professional.

*Call* - Calling the hotline at [1-877-995-5247](tel:1-877-995-5247) allows users to speak with a trained staff member for personalized advice and support to military and/or civilian resources.

*Text* - Texting a location or zip code to **55-247** (inside the U.S.) or **001-202-470-5546** (outside the U.S.) allows users to receive contact information for the SARC.

Sexual Abuse incidents occurring between family members shall be reported in accordance with the provisions in [COMDTINST 1752.1](#) (series), Family Advocacy Program.

### ***"Confide in Another"***

***CG Active Duty Service Members may confide in another person (e.g. roommate, friend, and/or family member including military or civilian spouse) without affecting their reporting options (does not include confiding in a superior in the victim's chain of command)***