

Sexual Assault is a criminal act and will not be tolerated. The Marine Corps' goal is to eliminate sexual assault within the Corps and to assist those Marines and sailors assigned to Marine Corps units affected by sexual assault.

The 3D MLG Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program provides 24/7 support and advocacy to all active duty Marines and sailors who are victims of sexual assault.

The **Sexual Assault Prevention and Response** Program addresses the prevention of sexual assault through awareness, education and training. We also ensure that all Marines who are victims of sexual assault are "treated with dignity, sensitivity, and without prejudice."

Seeking Support

The first priority of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program is the care of Marines. Many victims of sexual assault do not report the crime to anyone. In order to ensure that victims get the medical treatment and support services that they need, Marines have two reporting options for sexual assault.

Restricted and Unrestricted Reporting

Restricted Reporting

If a Marine wants to receive medical treatment and support services without triggering the official investigation process, he or she can make a confidential report to any of the following individuals:

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)

Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA)

Victim Advocate

Healthcare Provider or other medical personnel

Chaplain

When a Marine decides to make a restricted report, they receive medical care, including the collection of evidence if indicated, and counseling without notifying command or law enforcement officials. The SARC will notify the commanding officer that an assault occurred without providing identifying information about the victim. A Marine who elects to make a restricted report can always change to an unrestricted report.

Unrestricted Reporting

The unrestricted reporting option allows a Marine to receive medical treatment, counseling, and an official investigation of the crime. An unrestricted report of sexual assault can be made to the following individuals:

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)

Uniformed Victim Advocate (UVA)

Victim Advocate

Healthcare Provider or other medical personnel

Chaplain

Chain of Command

Law enforcement

Legal Personnel

Details of the incident will only be shared with personnel who have a legitimate need to know. This option allows the Marine Corps to potentially hold the offender accountable.