

Montana Army National Guard Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Program



If you have questions regarding this
program, please call the

**SEXUAL ASSAULT
RESPONSE
COORDINATOR(SARC)**

406-324-3117

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RESOURCES

U.S. Army Sexual Assault
Prevention & Response Program:
www.sexualassault.army.mil

DOD Sexual Assault Prevention
Response: www.sapr.mil

Military One Source:
1-800-342-9647

Rape Abuse & Incest National
Network (RAINN):
1-800-656-HOPE(4673)

Rape & Abuse Crisis Center:
1-800-303-0013

MT Coalition Against Domestic and
Sexual Violence: 888-404-7794

SARC: 406-324-3117

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Sexual Assault Defined:

- An intentional sexual contact characterized by use of force, physical threat, abuse of authority, coercion, or when the victim does not or cannot consent.
- Includes rape, non-consensual sexual acts, and intimate partner sexual violence.
- Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, spousal relationship or age of victim.
- Sexual assault is a crime punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. It violates the Military Core Values.

Surviving A Sexual Assault:

If you have been sexually assaulted, you have survived a terrible ordeal. The assault may have been committed by a stranger, intimate partner, or an acquaintance. Regardless of who assaulted you that person has committed a crime. This brochure has been designed to assure you that you are not alone and that help is available to you. Reaching out is an important step towards recovery.

Statistics:

- 1 rape/sexual assault takes place every 6 minutes nationwide.
- 1 in 3 females have been sexually assaulted.
- 1 in 6 males have been sexually assaulted.
- Half of all sexual assault perpetrators are under 25 years old and 30% are under 21.
- Over 75% of sexual assault victims know their perpetrator(s).

If You Have Been Sexually Assaulted:

REMEMBER: CALL 911

- Sexual Assault is NEVER the fault of the victim. You are not to blame for what another person has done to you.
- Immediate medical care is essential. Timely reports may help you peace of mind and prevent other crimes.
 - You are not alone. People are here to help. We are committed to helping you and your family members in the most sensitive and private way possible.
- No one responds to sexual assault in the same way. There are a wide range of emotions and feelings that may arise. The SARC/Victim Advocate can help put you in touch with all the resources and assistance available to you.
 - Healing is an ongoing process. Take care of yourself and ask for what you need.

GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING

- ♦ Immediately report any form of sexual assault.
- ♦ Seek medical attention.
- ♦ Refrain from bathing.
- ♦ Do not change your clothes.
- ♦ Do not brush your teeth or use mouthwash.
- ♦ Do not eat or drink anything.
- ♦ Do not alter the crime scene.

WHY REPORT YOUR ASSAULT

- ✦ Victims who do report often feel stronger knowing they are taking action to stop the assailant.
- ✦ You acknowledge what happened to you was wrong, and your report may help to prevent future assaults.

Types of Military Reporting

Unrestricted Reporting

- Any report of a sexual assault made through normal military reporting channels which includes the victim's chain of command, law enforcement, and the criminal investigative services.
- The SARC will be notified and will assign a Victim Advocate to the individual if so desired.
- Details of the allegation will be provided only to those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

Independent Reporting

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

Restricted Reporting (Title 10 Only)

- Enables military members to report allegations of sexual assault to specified personnel, without triggering an investigation. Specified personnel include the SARC, Victim Advocates or chaplains.
- Provides confidential reporting.
- Allows access to medical care, counseling and a victim advocate while not initiating the investigative process.
- Intended to give the victim additional time and increased control over the release and management of their personal information.
- Empowers the victim to seek relevant information and support to make an informed decision about participation in the criminal process.
- Family members, civilians and retired members are not eligible for make a restricted report.