



SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE



For Veterans: About the Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program

The CATCH program allows warfighters and others who experienced sexual assault the opportunity to anonymously submit suspect information to military criminal investigators to help the Department identify alleged serial offenders. To make a CATCH entry, victims of sexual assault can contact a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocate (VA).

As a former Service member or adult dependent of a former Service member, you may participate in the CATCH program if:

- You made a Restricted Report to a SARC or SAPR VA. Information submitted in a CATCH entry cannot be used by law enforcement unless there is a match and you consent to using the information for investigative purposes.
- You made an Unrestricted Report, but the name of the suspect is not known to law enforcement. If you are notified of a CATCH match, you can decide if you want to participate in the investigation. Information submitted in a CATCH entry cannot be used by law enforcement unless there is a match and you consent to information being used for investigative purposes.
- If you did not make a Restricted or Unrestricted Report before you left the Service, you can submit a SAPR-Related Inquiry CATCH entry by visiting a SARC. Find the nearest SARC at www.safehelpline.org/responders-search.

Participation in the CATCH program is anonymous and voluntary. You may choose to opt out at any point in the process, even after being notified that there was a potential match. If your entry “matches” another entry in the CATCH system, you will be contacted by SAPR personnel, not by law enforcement. Your name is not part of an entry so law enforcement cannot identify you.

You may provide as much information as you remember and feel comfortable sharing. The top things to provide include:



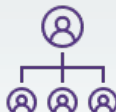
Suspect name



Suspect phone number



Suspect social media profile(s) and platform(s)



Suspect rank



Date & location of the offense



Digital photos

The CATCH Program Process

1 Submit an entry in the CATCH website

2 Military criminal investigators at CATCH Headquarters, not at the victim's installation, analyze suspect information that victims submitted into the CATCH website. If they get a match, the investigators will notify SAPR personnel of the match.

3 If there is a match, a specially trained SAPR CATCH Program representative will contact the victim. The victim's identity will only be revealed to law enforcement (LE) if the victim decides to participate in the investigation.

4 After being notified of a match, victims can decide if they would like to participate in the investigation.

5a If victims filed a Restricted Report, they can provide a statement to LE and participate in the investigation.

5b If victims filed an Unrestricted Report but did not want to participate in the investigation, they can provide a statement to LE and participate in the investigation.

5c If victims filed an SRI CATCH Entry, they can provide a statement to LE and participate in the investigation.

5d If victims choose not to participate after being contacted with a match, they will be asked if they want to be contacted if there is a future match.

***NOTE:** The Department of War is the site host for the CATCH website, even though the web address to submit the CATCH entry is an .ncis web address. CATCH entries are fully anonymous and there is no way to track an IP address to identify you.

For more information about the CATCH Program, please visit sapr.mil/catch.