



TOPIC: CATCH PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY UPDATES, SRI CATCH ENTIRE, AND PRINTOUTS

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Topics from Deputy Secretary of Defense Memo, "Updates to Department of Defense Policies to Enhance Support for Adult Sexual Assault Victims," signed May 2024. Available at <u>www.sapr.mil/latest-policy-updates</u>.

Paragraph 4, Policy, DoDI 6495.02, Volume 1, as follows:

Describes SAPR-related inquiry (SRI) eligibility for the Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program, SRI CATCH entry procedures, and the availability of a printout of a CATCH entry.

Expanded Eligibility for CATCH through "CATCH SRI Entries"

(4) The following individuals are eligible to participate in the CATCH Program:

(a) Current Service members, to include those assigned to the Military Service Academies, and their adult military dependents:

<u>3</u>. Who do not want to or are not ready to file an official report of sexual assault (through a <u>DD Form 2910</u>, "Victim Reporting Preference Statement," or to law enforcement) but DO want to submit an entry in the CATCH System. Eligible victims will be able to submit a SAPR-related inquiry (SRI) CATCH Entry through a SARC or SAPR VA with a <u>DD Form 2910-4</u>, "Catch A Serial Offender (CATCH) Program Explanation and Notification Form for SAPR Related Inquiry (SRI) Catch Entries". If notified of a potential match, the SRI CATCH Entry victim can decide whether to file an Unrestricted Report and/or participate in the Military Criminal Investigative Organization investigation.

(b) Former Service members and their adult military dependents:

<u>3.</u> Who make an SRI CATCH Entry through a SARC or SAPR VA with a DD Form 2910-4, for eligible CATCH suspects as detailed in the DD Form 2910-4.

(c) DoD Civilian Employees in accordance with the Appendix to Enclosure 4. Who make an SRI CATCH Entry through a SARC or SAPR VA with a DD Form 2910-4, for eligible CATCH suspects as detailed in the DD Form 2910-4.

SRI CATCH Entry Procedures

afai. For individuals choosing not to file an official report of sexual assault through a <u>DD</u> <u>Form 2910, "Victim Reporting Preference Statement,"</u> SAPR Program Managers, <u>Lead SARCs</u>, SARCs (including the Military Service Academy SARCs), and those SAPR VAs authorized to use DSAID will utilize the "SAPR Related Inquiry (SRI) Module" in DSAID to document these instances.

agaj. The SARCs SAPR program managers, Lead SARCs, SARCs, and SAPR VAs will make the SRI entries in the DSAID module within 48 hours of the SAPR-related inquiry being

made by the victim. In deployed locations, such as designated combat zones that may have internet connectivity issues, the time frame is extended to 96 hours.

ahak. SRIs can be divided into threefour categories:

(1) <u>Sexual Assault Victim Inquiries</u>. The SRI documents inquiries by individuals who allege a sexual assault occurred but who choose not to make an official report through a DD Form 2910; referrals to support services for victims who do not make an official report; and the reason(s) why the individual chose not to make an official report, if the individual disclosed the reason.

(2) <u>Retaliation Reporter Inquiries</u>. The SRI documents inquiries by individuals alleging they experienced retaliation associated with a sexual assault report, but who chose not to make an official report of retaliation through a <u>DD Form 2910-2</u>, "<u>Retaliation Reporting Statement for</u> <u>Unrestricted Report Sexual Assault Cases.</u>"

(3) <u>Persons Inquiring as to Reporting Processes or Resources.</u> The SRI documents inquiries by individuals associated with a sexual assault or retaliation incident (e.g., witnesses or supervisors, co-workers, friends, and family members of the sexual assault victim, or retaliation reporter) who approach the SAPR personnel to ask questions about the reporting process or resources.

(4) <u>SRI CATCH Entries</u>. Eligible adult sexual assault victims will be able to submit a CATCH entry without first having to file an official report of sexual assault using the DD Form 2910. This will be accomplished through an SRI DSAID control number that will be placed on the <u>DD Form 2910-4</u>, "Catch A Serial Offender (CATCH) Program Explanation and Notification Form for SAPR Related Inquiry (SRI) Catch Entries," and used by the SARC to generate a CATCH username and password to be provided to victims so they can submit their SRI CATCH entries in the CATCH system.

(a) An SRI CATCH entry requires the upload of a DD Form 2910-4.

(b) The DD Form 2910-4 is ONLY used for CATCH SRI entries for sexual assault in the SAPR Program.

(c) The DD Form 2910-4 CANNOT be uploaded to DSAID for general SRIs that are <u>not</u> CATCH entries.

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QUESTION: What is the DD Form 2910-4?

DD Form 2910-4, "Catch A Serial Offender (CATCH) Program Explanation and Notification Form for SAPR Related Inquiry (SRI) Catch Entries," provides a method for eligible adult sexual assault victims to submit a CATCH entry without first having to file an official report of sexual assault using DD Form 2910.

Printing CATCH Entries

acc. The Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program is voluntary and allows an eligible adult sexual assault victim to submit an anonymous entry into the CATCH database to discover if the suspect in their report may have also assaulted another person (i.e., a "potential match" in the CATCH website). The CATCH Program is implemented through procedures set forth in

volume 1 of DoDI 6495.02, <u>DoDI 5505.18</u>, <u>"Investigation of Adult Sexual Assault in the</u> <u>Department of Defense,"</u> and the procedures in the <u>USD(P&R) CATCH Memo</u> available at www.sapr.mil/catch.

(5) Victims may print out their CATCH entry, or request a printout, for their records. They may also submit their CATCH entry printout to personnel in the Department of Veterans Affairs as documentation to support their healthcare (medical and mental health) or disability compensation claims, as applicable. [Victims also receive a copy of their own CATCH entry when they are notified of a "match," in accordance with the procedures in the <u>USD(P&R)</u> <u>CATCH Memo</u> available at www.sapr.mil/catch.]

QUESTION: I'm confused. Can you tell me the full list of who is eligible for CATCH?

(4) The following individuals are eligible to participate in the CATCH Program:

(a) Current Service members, to include those assigned to the Military Service Academies, and their adult military dependents:

<u>1</u>. Who file, or have already filed, a Restricted Report with a DD Form 2910. *A* Restricted Report will not be converted *to an Unrestricted Report* based on the information provided *by the victim* to the CATCH Program without the victim's written permission on a revised DD Form 2910.

<u>2</u>. Who file, or have already filed, an Unrestricted Report with a DD Form 2910 and the identity of their suspect was not disclosed by the victim or uncovered by law enforcement, to include MCIOs (e.g., third-party report with no suspect identification).

<u>a</u>. Information from the CATCH Entry in the CATCH System: If notified of a potential match, the Unrestricted Reporting victim can decide whether they now wants to participate in the investigation.

<u>b.</u> Information from the original Unrestricted Report made to law enforcement: While the information from the CATCH Entry cannot be used by law enforcement to investigate until there is a match and the victim consents, the information from the original Unrestricted Report made to law enforcement can still be used by MCIOs for investigative purposes or as otherwise authorized by law.

<u>3</u>. Who do not want to or are not ready to file an official report of sexual assault (through a DD Form 2910 or to law enforcement) but DO want to submit an entry in the CATCH System. Eligible victims will be able to submit a SAPR-related inquiry (SRI) CATCH Entry through a SARC or SAPR VA with a DD Form 2910-4, "Catch A Serial Offender (CATCH) Program Explanation and Notification Form for SAPR Related Inquiry (SRI) Catch Entries". If notified of a potential match, the SRI CATCH Entry victim can decide whether to file an Unrestricted Report and/or participate in the MCIO investigation.

(b) Former Service members and their adult military dependents:

<u>1</u>. Who have already filed a Restricted Report with a DD Form 2910. The Restricted Report will not be converted based on the information provided to the CATCH Program without the victim's written permission on a revised DD Form 2910.

<u>2.</u> Who have already filed an Unrestricted Report with a DD Form 2910, and the identity of their suspect was not disclosed by the victim or uncovered by law enforcement, to include MCIOs (e.g., third-party report with no suspect identification).

<u>a</u>. Information from the CATCH Entry in the CATCH System: If notified of a potential match, the Unrestricted Reporting victim can decide whether they now want to participate in the investigation.

<u>b.</u> Information from the original Unrestricted Report made to law enforcement: While the information from the CATCH Entry cannot be used by law enforcement to investigate until there is a match and the victim consents, the information from the original Unrestricted Report made to law enforcement can still be used by MCIOs for investigative purposes or as otherwise authorized by law.

<u>3.</u> Who make an SRI CATCH Entry through a SARC or SAPR VA with a DD Form 2910-4, for eligible CATCH suspects as detailed in the DD Form 2910-4.

(c) DoD Civilian Employees in accordance with the Appendix to Enclosure 4.

(5) Victims may print out their CATCH entry, or request a printout, for their records. They may also submit their CATCH entry printout to personnel in the Department of Veterans Affairs as documentation to support their healthcare (medical and mental health) or disability compensation claims, as applicable.

<u>APPENDIX TO ENCLOSURE 4: SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTING AND SERVICES FOR DoD</u> <u>CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES</u>.

14. CATCH Program Eligibility.

a. Current DoD Civilian Employees who file, or have already filed, a Restricted Report using a DD Form 2910-8. The Restricted Report will not be converted to an Unrestricted Report based on the information provided by the employee through the CATCH Program without the victim's written permission on a revised DD Form 2910-8 (where the Restricted Report is converted to Unrestricted).

b. Current DoD Civilian Employees who file, or have already filed, an Unrestricted Report with a <u>DD Form 2910-8</u>, <u>"Reporting Preference Statement for DoD Civilian Employees to Report</u> <u>Sexual Assault,"</u> for eligible CATCH suspects as detailed in the DD Form 2910-8 and the identity of the suspect was not disclosed by the victim or uncovered by law enforcement, to include MCIOs (e.g., third-party report with no suspect identification).

(1) Information from the CATCH Entry in the CATCH System: If notified of a potential match, the Unrestricted Reporting victim can decide whether they now want to participate in the investigation.

(2) Information from the original Unrestricted Report made to law enforcement: While the information from the CATCH Entry cannot be used by law enforcement to investigate until

there is a match and the victim consents, the information from the original Unrestricted Report made to law enforcement may be used by MCIOs for investigative purposes or as otherwise authorized by law.

c. Who make an SRI CATCH Entry through a SARC or SAPR VA with a DD Form 2910-4, for eligible CATCH suspects as detailed in the DD Form 2910-4.

Will DoD Civilian employees have to go to their specific Service to submit a CATCH entry, or will they have to go to the Service where the Service member works? DoD civilian employees will submit a CATCH entry with their own component's SAPR Program.

For Unrestricted Reports that make a CATCH entry where they do not know a suspect's name, is there a way that a CATCH match could potentially provide information that may be helpful for a Military Criminal Investigative Organization (MCIO) investigation?

The DoD will take any information provided by someone making an entry; however, the top five most helpful pieces of information are: suspect's name, suspect's phone number, suspect's social media username(s) and platforms, suspect's rank, and date and location of the offense. Victims can also upload a photo of the suspect.

Does the Family Advocacy Program (FAP) have access to CATCH?

Yes. Restricted Reporting "sexual assault" domestic violence victims in FAP are now eligible to submit entries in the CATCH Program.

Is a DoD Civilian employee victim still eligible to file a "SAPR-Related Inquiry (SRI) CATCH Entry" if the suspect was a Service member at the time of the sexual assault, but is no longer in the military at the time of the SRI CATCH Entry request? Yes, as long as the suspect was a Service member at the time of the alleged offense.

Are veterans eligible to submit a CATCH Entry?

Yes, if they filed a Restricted Report or certain Unrestricted Reports (where the identity of the suspect was unknown to law enforcement). If they did not file a report before leaving the Service, then they can make a "SAPR-Related Inquiry (SRI) CATCH Entry" through a SARC or SAPR VA with a DD Form 2910-4.