



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE



Prevention

The DoD Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (SAPRO) is committed to eliminating sexual assault in the military and promoting force readiness. DoD is pursuing an approach of integrated primary prevention aimed at stopping harmful behaviors in the military community before they occur. SAPRO's approach to preventing sexual assault requires a personal commitment from every Service member. Everyone plays a key role in prevention and fostering healthy military communities.

Prevention Approach

Across the DoD, the Prevention Plan of Action (PPoA) 2.0, DoDI 6400.09, and DoDI 6400.11 provide the guiding framework for prevention. Prevention efforts use a public health perspective to deliver primary prevention that is:

Unit Climate Focused

Requires leaders foster healthy climates and an environment of prevention to ensure the military community has skills to make healthy decisions and develop respectful relationships

Integrated

Leverages shared solutions across two or more harmful behaviors to mitigate risk and lessen the chances of these behaviors negatively impacting readiness and retention

Comprehensive

Uses research-based policies, programs, and practices to cultivate enduring prevention across the levels of the social ecology to create a deeper, lasting impact

Data-Driven

Applies data-informed decision making to develop, implement, and continuously evaluate prevention activities to provide the maximum benefit for the largest amount of people

Building Capacity for Primary Prevention

Within DoD's prevention framework, a major focus is building prevention capacity, which entails building the knowledge, skills, and ability of leaders and prevention personnel to plan, implement, and evaluate prevention activities that result in the reduction of sexual assault and other harmful behaviors in the military.

Enhancing Capacity to Prevent Harmful Behaviors Through...

Technical Assistance

The Prevention Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) supports integrated primary prevention planning, implementation, and evaluation of implemented prevention efforts



Training

The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training and Education Center of Excellence (SAPRTEC) delivers DoD training courses

The Prevention Webinar Series, workshops, and training events provide continuing education



Research and Evaluation

Research and evaluation efforts are conducted through collaborative partnerships with the Military Services

These efforts support the Prevention Plan of Action (PPoA) 2.0 prevention process and advance the evidence base for prevention in the military

