

Key Contacts

>> Campus Sexual Violence Office - Title IX Coordinator

Address:

Phone:

>> Nearest Hospital Emergency Room

Name:

Address:

Phone:

>> Campus Student Advocate

Phone:

>> Nearest Rape Crisis Center

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Website:

>> National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

>> DoD Safe Helpline 1-877-995-5247

Resources for ROTC Leaders



The DoD Safe Helpline is a confidential worldwide service that provides anonymous, live, one-on-one crisis intervention, support, information and resources to members of the DoD community who have been affected by sexual assault. Contact the DoD Safe Helpline at safehelpline.org or **877-995-5247**.



<https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/dod-sexual-assault-prevention-team>

SAPR Connect is a prevention-focused, Common Access Card (CAC)-enabled online community of practice available 24/7 for DoD sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) stakeholders. Users can share information and exchange ideas from military components, federal partners, external experts, and educational institutions to prevent sexual assault and other readiness-impacting behaviors.



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Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) Leaders

Quick Reference Supporting Victims of Sexual Assault in the ROTC Community



Information for Your Cadets or Midshipmen

How can they report a sexual assault?

>> Call 911

If in danger or seriously injured, they should call immediately.

>> Contact the local police department

Call or visit in-person. They may also contact campus law enforcement.

>> Visit a medical center

If treated for injuries resulting from sexual assault, they can tell a medical professional that they wish to report the crime. A Sexual Assault Forensic Exam may be conducted if appropriate and with their consent.

>> Contact a local rape crisis center

They can call or visit in-person to find additional support resources near them.

>> Call the National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

A service provider will help them learn about their options, find a local medical center prepared to care for survivors, and make a report, if that is what they choose to do.

>> Notify Title IX Coordinator

Tip: ROTC Cadre should make themselves familiar with the resources mentioned above to be better prepared to support a victim.

Support a Victim: Sexual Assault Response Checklist

Facilitate access to healthcare

Inform the victim of any available medical and psychological care resources, including the possibility of obtaining a sexual assault forensic exam, if appropriate.

Facilitate access to crisis intervention care

Notify appropriate support resources as required and assist as needed.

Contact campus Title IX Coordinator

Refer the matter to the campus sexual violence office and notify appropriate authorities in accordance with local policies and procedures.

Connect victim with emotional support

Ask the victim if they would like to speak with a family member, friend, emergency contact, victim advocate, or other support resources available to the victim.

Contact authorities regarding civilian protective order

If there are safety concerns, refer the victim to local law enforcement and sexual violence resources to discuss options.

Maintain victim privacy

Strictly limit knowledge and release of facts or details regarding the incident as authorized by university and law enforcement officials

Demonstrate committed support

Throughout the investigation, consult with the victim, listen to his/her feedback, and provide appropriate support resources and referrals

Note: ROTC Cadre, who are considered faculty at most locations, must follow campus protocol in oversight and reporting responsibilities for a sexual assault incident being told to them. The use of the word "victim" includes alleged victims and is not intended to convey any presumptions concerning allegations of criminal offenses.

Considerations for Your Unit in the Event of Sexual Assault

In addition to providing appropriate victim support, ROTC leaders should:

- >> Underscore to ROTC unit members that retaliatory acts of coercion, ostracism, discrimination, or reprisals by cadets against the victim(s), offender(s), witness(es), and/or bystander(s) will not be tolerated
- >> Ensure that support resources are publicized and available to all
- >> Emphasize that the alleged offender is presumed innocent until proven guilty
- >> Advise ROTC students who may have knowledge of the events leading up to or surrounding the incident to cooperate with any investigation involved in accordance with the standards of local law enforcement and Title IX authorities
- >> Discuss that unauthorized communication of a possible sexual assault incident might compromise an ensuing or ongoing investigation
- >> Help ROTC cadets understand the role of the Title IX Coordinator at the institution. Upon learning of a report or complaint of sexual misconduct, the Title IX Coordinator promptly takes steps to ensure the complainant's equal access to the college's programs and activities, and to protect the complainant as necessary
- >> ROTC cadet victims are not in Title X status, except when on military orders, such as summer training. Thus, cadre are limited in what direct actions they can take; but being informed about the available resources, on and off campus, can amplify support to a victim