

Topics from Deputy Secretary of Defense Memo, "Updates to Department of Defense Policy and Procedures for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program and Adult Sexual Assault Investigations," signed November 10, 2021. Available at [www.sapr.mil/policy](http://www.sapr.mil/policy).

**TOPIC: Posting of Reporting Options for Sexual Assault and Retaliation Stemming from a Report of Sexual Assault**

**DoDI 6495.02, volume 1, Paragraph 4. POLICY, revised as follows:**

- ad. Posting of Reporting Options for Sexual Assault and Retaliation Stemming from a Report of Sexual Assault. Installation commanders, and commanders in comparable locations, will direct that **"Reporting Options for Adult Victims of Sexual Assault"** are posted in high-traffic locations (including dining facilities), and posted information will include:
- (1) Location and phone numbers/emails for the local SARCs and SAPR VAs.
  - (2) Location and phone numbers/emails to contact the Special Victims' Counsel/Victims' Legal Counsel Program (SVC/VLC)
  - (3) Process for reporting to an individual outside the chain of command of the Service member, to explicitly include contact information for the DoD Safe Helpline or a SARC and other personnel outside their chain of command.
  - (4) Information for the DoD Safe Helpline for crisis intervention, 24/7 worldwide.
  - (5) Information for the Catch a Serial Offender Program
  - (6) Information regarding services furnished by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to survivors of sexual trauma (this should also be posted in areas where sexual assault prevention staff normally post notices or information).
- ae. Installation commanders, and commanders in comparable locations, will direct that **"Reporting Options for Retaliation related to an Unrestricted Report of Adult Sexual Assault"** are posted in high-traffic locations, and posted information will include:
- (1) "Reporting Options for Adult Victims of Sexual Assault" described above; however, not all Retaliation reporters will be eligible for an SVC/VLC.
  - (2) Information for the DoD Office of the Inspector General Hotline for Whistleblower Reprisal Complaints.
  - (3) Information about how individuals who believe they have been retaliated against related to a report of a sexual assault may report Retaliation allegations, including (1) Adult Sexual Assault Victim, who has previously made an Unrestricted Report of sexual assault, (2) Adult Sexual Assault Victim's adult family member (e.g., spouse, son, daughter), (3) Witness, (4) Bystander associated with a sexual report, (5) SARC or SAPR VA on the case, or (6) Responder.