



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE



Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Policy

DoD SAPRO develops policy that is gender-responsive, culturally competent, and recovery-oriented to advance prevention efforts, provide victim assistance, and guide SAPR personnel. The SAPR policy requires that every sexual assault is treated as an emergency, regardless of when it is reported. The policies below can be found at sapr.mil/policy under the “Directive and Instructions” and “Memorandums and Guidance” tabs.

Key Policies

DoD Directive (DoDD) 6495.01, “Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program”

Establishes the SAPR program through high-level general policy. Detailed procedures are available in DoD Instruction (DoDI) 6495.02, Volume 1

DoDI 6495.02, Volume 1, “Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program Procedures”

Establishes comprehensive, detailed procedures for the *response* to sexual assault within the DoD, including requirements for victim advocacy, healthcare, training standards, and monthly case management groups

DoDI 6495.02, Volume 2, “Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program: Education and Training”

Establishes training requirements for Service members, individuals who supervise Service members, and DoD civilian personnel

DoDI 6495.02, Volume 3, “Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program: Retaliation Response for Adult Sexual Assault Cases”

Establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures focusing only on the response to *retaliation* related to adult sexual assault cases

DoDI 6495.03, “Defense Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program (D-SAACP)”

Issues guidance and procedures to ensure all personnel providing advocacy services to victims of sexual assault hold professional credentials

Clarification of Convalescent Leave Policy for Service Members Recovering from Sexual Assault Memorandum

Clarifies existing policy for convalescent leave and states that commanders should allow Service members to attend any scheduled medical or non-medical appointments, services, or counseling related to their sexual assault incidents in a normal duty status or during normal duty hours. Convalescent Leave policy for Restricted Reporters is found in DoDI 6495.02, Volume 1

Safe-to-Report Policy

Prescribes guidance and procedures for the treatment of alleged collateral misconduct by Service member victims of sexual assault. This policy is located in DoDI 6495.02, Volume 1

Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program

Details the CATCH procedures that enable eligible personnel to anonymously submit suspect information to help the DoD identify serial offenders. Information about the program is available at sapr.mil/catch

Other Important Policies

- [DoDI 5505.18, “Investigation of Adult Sexual Assault in the Department of Defense”](#)
- [DoDI 6310.09, “Health Care Management for Patients Associated with a Sexual Assault”](#)
- [DoDI 6400.09, “DoD Policy on Integrated Primary Prevention of Self-Directed Harm and Prohibited Abuse or Harm”](#)
- [DoDI 6400.11, “DoD Integrated Primary Prevention Policy for Prevention Workforce Leaders”](#)

For the latest SAPR policy revisions, visit www.sapr.mil/latest-policy-updates.

For more information, please visit sapr.mil;

For confidential victim assistance, call or visit the DoD Safe Helpline at 877-995-5247 or safehelpline.org