



# DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE



## SAPR Policy

The Department of Defense Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office (DoD SAPRO) is the single point of authority, accountability, and oversight for the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program. SAPRO's policies are gender-responsive, culturally competent, and recovery-oriented to support those who have been victimized. In its policy oversight and advisory role, SAPRO aims to translate concepts into action, improve outcomes, and achieve results that endure.

For links to all policies, visit [sapr.mil/policy](https://sapr.mil/policy). For summaries of policy revisions, visit [sapr.mil/latest-policy-updates](https://sapr.mil/latest-policy-updates).

## Key Policies

- >> **DoDI 6495.01, "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program"** implements DoD policy and assigns responsibilities for the SAPR Program on prevention, response, and oversight to sexual assault
- >> **DoDI 6495.02, Volume 1, "Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Program Procedures"** establishes procedures for responding to the crime of 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. The policy aligns with the DoD's Common Military Training (CMT) to define minimum training standards and meet Congressional requirements
- >> **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 for the implementation, management, and oversight of 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 in victim advocacy
- >> **DoDI 6400.09, "DoD Policy on Integrated Primary Prevention of Self-Directed Harm and Prohibited Abuse or Harm"** implements an integrated violence policy to create a unity of effort across prevention programs and policies, establishes a common, research-based framework for violence prevention, and focuses prevention efforts on those activities which have the greatest potential to reduce multiple forms of violence affecting the military community
- >> **DoDI 6400.11, "DoD Integrated Primary Prevention Policy for Prevention Workforce Leaders"** establishes roles, requirements, and training and education standards for Integrated Primary Prevention (IPP) personnel and provides assessment and evaluation requirements for IPP oversight
- >> **DoDI 5505.18, "Investigation of Adult Sexual Assault in the Department of Defense"** policy owned by the DoD Inspector General provides Military Criminal Investigation Organizations and law enforcement with procedures for the investigation of adult sexual assault within the DoD
- >> **DoDI 6310.09, "Health Care Management for Patients Associated with a Sexual Assault"** policy owned by Office of the Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs establishes procedures for providing healthcare and forensic examinations to adult sexual assault victims
- >> The **Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program** gives adult sexual assault victims, where the name of the suspect is not known by law enforcement, an opportunity to anonymously submit suspect information to help the DoD identify serial offenders. Those eligible include current and former Service members, cadets and midshipmen, and adult military dependents
- >> In response to the IRC recommendation for "non-chargeable time off," the **"Clarification of Convalescent Leave Policy for Service Members Recovering from Sexual Assault" Memorandum 1** clarifies existing policy for convalescent leave and 2) states that commanders should allow Service members to attend, "in a normal duty status" or during "normal duty hours" any scheduled medical or non-medical appointments, services, or counseling related to their sexual assault incidents, both Unrestricted and Restricted Reports
- >> Each military service and the National Guard Bureau has established a **Safe-to-Report Policy** to prescribe guidance and procedures for the treatment of alleged minor and non-minor collateral misconduct by Service member victims of sexual assault
- >> The **Commander's Checklist** serves as a baseline for the response during the first 30 days for adult sexual assault victims, alleged offenders, and their unit in the event of an Unrestricted Report of sexual assault. It also addresses the responsibilities, including required notifications, for allegations of retaliation

## STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT

SAPR Policy is influenced by:

- 80+ Independent Review Commission on Sexual Assault in the Military recommendations
- 50+ Secretary of Defense-directed initiatives enacted since 2012 to improve prevention and response efforts
- 150+ Congressional provisions operationalized related to sexual assault, including the most comprehensive reforms to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) since 1968
- 200+ recommendations from government panels and task forces assessed for applicability to the SAPR mission space
- 66 Government Accountability Office sexual assault-related recommendations assessed to measure prevention and response efforts and to inform future programming
- 10+ DoD Inspector General engagements conducted since 2010 to review and improve prevention and response efforts



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