Sexual Assault Response and Reporting Flow Chart

A victim has several choices with reporting a sexual assault. The paths depicted below identify the steps involved in each reporting option and the decision points associated with reporting a sexual assault to law enforcement, the chain of command, health care personnel, or a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)/Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocate (VA) as an Unrestricted Report or a Restricted Report.

Sexual assault victims are eligible to file Restricted Reports even if they disclosed the sexual assault incident to their commander or to personnel in the chain of command; there is an ongoing MCIO investigation into the sexual assault incident initiated by a third party and not due to the victim’s disclosure to law enforcement; or, the MCIO investigation into the sexual assault incident has been closed. **Note: A victim who first contacts law enforcement will only have the Unrestricted Reporting option.**

Note: The process steps in dark blue are the same for filing an Unrestricted Report or a Restricted Report. The process steps in light blue indicate an Unrestricted Report and the process steps in red indicate an Restricted Report.

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**Unrestricted**

- The victim contacts law enforcement
- MCIO is notified
- Mental health care, medical care, and Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) are available
- Legal services are available through Special Victims’ Counsel/ Victims’ Legal Counsel/ Victims’ Counsel
- SAPR VA provides ongoing, nonclinical support
- Victim receives updates on case status from commander after Case Management Meetings

**Restricted**

- The victim contacts the chain of command, a SARC, a SAPR VA, or health care personnel
- SARC is notified and assigns a SAPR VA
- SAPR VA provides crisis intervention, nonclinical support, and an explanation of reporting options
- MCIO is notified
- Mental health care, medical care, and Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) are available
- Legal services are available through Special Victims’ Counsel/ Victims’ Legal Counsel/ Victims’ Counsel
- SAPR VA provides ongoing, nonclinical support
- Victim receives updates on case status from commander after Case Management Meetings
- SARC reports non-personally identifying information to the commander
- SAPR VA provides ongoing, nonclinical support
- Victim receives updates on case status from commander after Case Management Meetings

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