Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program

About CATCH

The CATCH program gives victims of sexual assault who filed Restricted Reports, certain Unrestricted Reports where the name of the suspect is not reported to or uncovered by law enforcement, or no report an opportunity to anonymously submit suspect information to help the DoD identify serial offenders. Entries remain in the CATCH system for 10 years. The top five things that victims of sexual assault can provide if they know them include the suspect name, suspect phone number and/or social media username(s), suspect rank, date of the offense, and location of the sexual assault.

To make a CATCH entry, victims of sexual assault can contact a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or SAPR Victim Advocate (VA). Participation in the CATCH program is anonymous and voluntary. Participants may decline to participate at any point in the process, even after being notified that there was a potential match.

The CATCH Program Process

1. Submit an entry in the CATCH website

2. Military criminal investigators at their Headquarters, not at the victim’s installation, analyze suspect information that victims submitted into the CATCH Program. If they get a match, the investigators will notify SAPR personnel of the match.

3. If there is a match, a specially-trained CATCH Program representative will contact the victim. The victim's identity will remain confidential.

4. After being notified of a match, victims can decide if they would like to participate in the investigation.

5a. If victims filed a Restricted Report, they can convert to an Unrestricted Report by re-signing the DD Form 2910.

5b. If victims filed an Unrestricted Report but did not want to participate in the investigation, they can decide to participate now.

5c. If victims filed an “SAPR Related Inquiry (SRI) CATCH Entry” – they can decide to now file an Unrestricted Report by signing the DD Form 2910.

5d. If victims choose not to participate after being contacted with a match, they will be asked if they want to be contacted if there is a future match.

Important Reminders

- CATCH data is not automated and has to be assessed by agents at CATCH MCIO Headquarters. A match will not happen immediately.
- Participation in the CATCH program is voluntary. Victims of sexual assault may choose to decline participation at any time in the process.
- Current Service members, cadets and midshipmen, adult military dependents, and former Service members are eligible for CATCH.
- More information about the CATCH program can be found at www.sapr.mil/catch.

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.