Catch a Serial Offender (CATCH) Program

About CATCH

The CATCH program allows victims of sexual assault the opportunity to anonymously submit suspect information to military criminal investigators to help the DoD identify serial offenders. To make a CATCH entry, victims of sexual assault can contact a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) or Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) Victim Advocate (VA).

You may participate in the CATCH program if:

• You made a Restricted Report to a SARC or SAPR VA, or
• You made an Unrestricted Report, but the name of the alleged offender is not yet known to law enforcement, or
• You have decided not to make a report to military law enforcement, a SARC, or a SAPR VA at this time

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 DoD will take any information provided by someone making an entry; however, the top five most helpful pieces of information are: suspect’s name, suspect’s phone number, suspect’s social media username(s) and platforms, suspect’s rank, and date and location of the offense.

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.

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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.