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What you can do to stop sexual assault:

Did you know there are three ways to report a crime? The TEXT, WEB & APP Tip Line is a partnership between NCIS and the military community AND provides service members and civilians a safe, discreet and ANONYMOUS option to report criminal and force protection threats within the USN and USMC without concerns of retaliation.

What type of information does NCIS need? The NCIS mission is to investigate and defeat criminal, terrorist, and foreign intelligence threats to the United States Navy and Marine Corps. Types of crimes investigated by NCIS include sexual assault, narcotics, child physical and sexual abuse, burglary and robbery, theft of government and personal property, fraud, and homicide. If you have information pertaining to these or any other serious crime, please let NCIS know.

How do I submit a tip? The three ways to provide anonymous information to NCIS are by TEXT, WEB and APP.

Text ‘NCIS’ plus your tip information to 274637 (CRIMES)

Additional Resources can be found at:

DoD SAPRO Website: http://www.sapromil

Navy SAPR Program Website: http://www.cnic.navy.mil/CNIC_HQ_Site/WhatWeDo/FleetandFamilyReadiness/FamilyReadiness/FleetAndFamilySupportProgram/SexualAssaultPreventionandResponse/index.htm

SAPR-Fleet web resources Website: http://www.sapr.navy.mil

MyDuty.mil Website: www.myduty.mil

DoD Safe HelpLine Website: http://www.SafeHelpline.org Phone Number: 877-995-5247 Text: 55-247 CONUS or 202-470-5546 OCONUS

The SAPR Team

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC): Ensures that VAs are trained and responsive care is properly coordinated and provided to victims of sexual assault; tracks sexual assault cases from the initial report through final disposition and resolution.

SAPR Victim Advocate (VA): Responds immediately to victims of sexual assault; provides information and explains reporting options; accompanies victims during medical, investigative and legal procedures; helps victims through barriers; makes referrals for assistance.

Your Command SAPR Points of Contact:

SARC

SAPR VA

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Training for the Fleet

Supporting Material

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**Awareness**

**Definitions**

**Assault** - The use of unlawful force or violence either as an overt act with the intent of inflicting bodily harm, or as an unlawful demonstration of violence, through an intentional or culpably negligent act or omission, either of which creates in the mind of another a reasonable apprehension of receiving immediate bodily harm.

**Consent** - A freely given agreement to the conduct at issue by a competent person. An expression of lack of consent through words or conduct means there is no consent. Lack of verbal or physical resistance or submission resulting from the use of force, threat of force, or placing another person in fear does not constitute consent. A current or previous dating or social or sexual relationship by itself or the manner of dress of the person involved with the accused in the conduct at issue shall not constitute consent. A sleeping, unconscious, or incompetent person cannot consent.

**Sexual Violence Offenses** - Sexual violence offenses include rape, sexual assault, aggravated sexual contact, abusive sexual contact, forcible sodomy and attempts to commit these offenses.

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**Facts**

The Navy’s FY2011 Report to Congress reported:

- 408 unrestricted reports.
- 174 restricted reports of sexual assault – of all types.
- Over 65% of those unrestricted reports were Service member on Service member – “Blue on Blue” incidents.
- Investigations indicated that subjects included Sailors of all ranks and both genders.

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**Prevention**

The most powerful tool in stopping sexual violence offenses is Bystander Intervention (BI). The BI process includes the following:

- Notice the event
- Interpret it as an emergency
- Take responsibility to act – don’t assume someone else will
- Decide how to act
- Choose to act

Bystander Intervention Tactics:

- **Direct**: Talk to the person who is acting inappropriately, or to the potential victim.
- **Indirect**: Suggest that someone observing the situation might be concerned about the person’s conduct.
- **Distraction**: Utilize creative options to distract the people involved in order to de-escalate the situation. This may involve humor or appealing to other interests of those involved.
- **Protocol**: Report what you observed “up the chain” and seek guidance on how best to respond.

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**Reporting**

There are two reporting options available: Unrestricted and Restricted.

- **Unrestricted Reporting**: A process used by an individual to disclose, without requesting restricted reporting, that he or she is the victim of a sexual assault. Under these circumstances, the victim’s report to the SARC, SAPR VA, Healthcare Personnel, command authorities, or other persons are reportable to law enforcement and will be used to initiate an official investigation process.

- **Restricted Reporting**: A process used by an individual to report or disclose that he or she is the victim of a sexual assault to specified officials on a confidential basis. Under these circumstances, the victim’s report and any details provided to the SARC, SAPR VA, or a Healthcare Personnel will not be reported to law enforcement or the command. An official investigation will not be initiated unless the victim changes his/her report to an unrestricted report.

A sexual assault forensic examination (also known as sexual assault kit or SAFE Exam), which is performed at medical, is the choice of the victim regardless of reporting option.