

SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

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SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION AND RESPONSE OFFICE (Hotline: 940-676-7272, 24/7)

The 82d Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response program actively commits to the safety and well-being of all Airmen and DOD civilian members assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base.

Sexual assault is a crime and can be very traumatic for a victim of sexual assault. Sexual assault is defined as intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent. Sexual assault includes rape, non-consensual sodomy (oral or anal sex), indecent assault (unwanted, inappropriate sexual contact or fondling), or attempts to commit these acts.

REPORTING OPTIONS:

The Department of Defense and Air Force offers *two* reporting options for victims of sexual assault:

Active duty: Restricted and Unrestricted (Restricted reporting is available only to military personnel, including service members on active duty, and service members in the Reserve or National Guard who are performing federal duty). Members of the Reserve component who are *not* performing federal duty are not eligible to make restricted reports. Family members, retired service members and Department of Defense civilians also are ineligible to file a restricted report.

DOD Civilians: Unrestricted only

** Restricted option is afforded to those military members who have not disclosed the assault to anyone in their chain of command or law enforcement **

Restricted Reporting -- ensures medical care, treatment and counseling without notifying command or law enforcement officials. You keep the control, over the release of information regarding your case.

The Process:

- Contact SARC at (940) 676-0364 (after duty hours hotline: 940-676-7272, 24/7/365)
- SARC and/or Victim Advocate attends to victim needs--provides supportive services
- Victim can make unrestricted reporting decision at a later date

Unrestricted Reporting -- ensures medical care, treatment and counseling.

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- Investigation initiated

IF YOU HAVE BEEN ASSAULTED

- Go to a safe location away from the attacker.
- Call 911 if you are in an emergency situation.
- Contact your local Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC) Victim Advocate (VA) at (940) 676-0364 (after duty hours hotline: 940-676-7272, 24/7)

- Seek medical care as soon as possible. Even if you do not have any visible physical injuries, you may be at risk of becoming pregnant or acquiring a sexually transmitted disease.
- Ask the healthcare provider to conduct a sexual assault forensic examination (SAFE) to preserve forensic evidence.
- If you suspect you had been drugged, request that a urine sample be collected.
- Preserve all evidence of the assault. Do not bathe, wash your hands or brush your teeth.
- Do not clean or straighten up the crime scene.
- Write down, tape or record by any other means all the details you can recall about the assault and your assailant.

The assault was **NOT** your fault. You did not cause it to happen. People are here to help. We are committed to supporting you in the most sensitive and private way possible. There is no "right way" in dealing with sexual assault. It is ok to be angry and important to stand up for yourself as you feel ready. Let the SARC/Victim Advocate put you in touch with all the resources and assistance available to you. Take care of yourself and ask for what you need. Remember, before washing or cleaning up, seek medical attention

Sexual assault directly contradicts our core values and harms individuals and the units they serve. This office is committed to an aggressive, proactive program to fight and prevent sexual assaults.