

# What Is Sexual Assault?

- An intentional sexual contact, characterized by use of force, physical threat or abuse of authority, or when the victim does not or cannot consent
- Includes rape, nonconsensual sodomy, indecent assault or attempts to commit these acts
- Sexual assault is a crime punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice
- Sexual assault can occur without regard to gender, sexual orientation, spousal relationship or age of victim
- Sexual assault is criminal conduct
- It falls well short of the standards America expects of its men and women in uniform
- It violates Air Force core values

## Effects of Sexual Assault

If you are a victim of sexual assault, acknowledging and understanding your emotions is an important part of the recovery process. Some common feelings and reactions include:

- Nightmares and flashbacks
- Appetite disturbances
- Poor concentration and reduced ability to stay on task
- Intense feelings of shame and self-blame
- Depression and withdrawal from usual activities
- Extreme fear of being out after dark; avoiding certain places, such as tunnels and stairwells
- Compulsively checking the locks on doors and windows
- Mood swings
- Bouts of rage, impatience and irritation
- Loss of interest in sexual activity and avoidance of sexual behavior

# Useful Numbers/Resources

## McConnell Sexual Assault Response

24-Hour Hotline 316-759-HELP (4357)

## Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center

Business Line 316-263-0185  
24-Hour Hotline 316-263-3002

## Wesley Medical Center

Forensic Nursing 316-962-9122

## Ascension Via Christi Hospital

Forensic Nursing 316-689-5252

## McConnell AFB Clinic

Clinic Appointments 316-759-6300  
TriCare (West Region) 844-866-9378

## McConnell Mental Health Assistance

Mental Health 316-759-5091  
Family Advocacy 316-759-5768

## Airman & Family Readiness Ctr

316-759-6020

## McConnell Chapel

316-759-3563

## McConnell Legal Office

316-759-3590

## McConnell Law Enforcement

Security Forces 316-759-3976  
AFOSI 316-759-4273

## Military OneSource

800-342-9647  
[www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)

## DoD Safe Helpline

877-995-5247  
[www.safehelpline.org](http://www.safehelpline.org)

## Rape & Incest National Network

24-Hour Assistance Line [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)  
800-656-4673

## Emergency Shelters – Wichita, KS

Wichita Family Crisis Ctr 316-263-2313  
Harbor House 316-263-6000

## DoD SAPR

[www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil)



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# Sexual Assault Prevention & Response (SAPR)



**SAPR Office**  
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SARC 316-759-3048  
SAPR VA 316-759-1872  
**24/7 Hotline: 759-HELP (4357)**

# Types of Reporting

## Restricted Report

- Enables military members and their family members 18 years of age and older, and Air Force civilian employees to report allegations of sexual assault to specified personnel, without triggering an investigation. Specified personnel include the SARC, health care provider, trained Victim Advocate or chaplain
- Provides confidential reporting
- Allows access to medical care, counseling and a Victim Advocate, but does not initiate the investigative process
- Intended to give the victim additional time and increased control over the release and management of the victim's personal information
- Empowers the victim to seek relevant information and support to make an informed decision about participating in the criminal process
- Retired military members and contractors are not eligible to make a restricted report

## Unrestricted Report

- Any report of a sexual assault made through normal reporting channels, which includes the victim's chain of command, law enforcement, and the AF Office of Special Investigations (OSI) or other criminal investigative service
- The SARC will be notified and assign a Victim Advocate to the individual
- Details of the allegation will be provided only to those personnel who have a legitimate need to know

## Independent Report

- Information about a sexual assault is disclosed to command from an independent or third-party source
- An official investigation may be initiated based upon an independent report

# You Don't Have to Be Alone

If you have been a victim of sexual assault,  
**REMEMBER...**

- 1 The assault was NOT your fault. You did not cause it to happen. It is solely the fault of your perpetrator.
- 2 We are here to help you. We are committed to supporting you and your family members in the most sensitive and private way possible.
- 3 There is no "easy way" to deal with sexual assault. Let the SARC/SAPR Victim Advocate put you in touch with all the resources and assistance available to you.
- 4 Take care of yourself and ask for what you need.

## Guidelines for Reporting

- Immediately report any sexual assault. Call the Sexual Assault Response Hotline at: **759-HELP (4357)**
- Never hesitate to get help
- Do not bathe or clean up
- Do not change your clothes
- Do not brush your teeth or use mouthwash
- Do not use the bathroom, but if you must, save your voided urine for testing
- Do not eat or drink anything
- Do not take or apply any type of medication to any injuries
- Do not disturb or clean up the crime scene

You Are a  
**SURVIVOR!**

# Volunteer Victim Advocate Program

AF Volunteer Victim Advocates (VVAs) provide essential support, liaison services and care to sexual assault victims. VVAs are active-duty military personnel and Department of Defense (DoD) civilian employees selected by the SARC and certified through the DoD Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program.

VVAs are volunteers who must possess the maturity and experience to assist in very sensitive situations.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing crisis intervention, referral and ongoing non-clinical support
- Providing information on available options and resources to assist the victim in making informed decisions about the case
- Does NOT provide counseling or other professional clinical services to a victim
- May accompany the victim, at the victim's request, during investigative interviews and medical examinations

VVA services continue until the victim states support is no longer needed.

For more information on becoming a VVA, please contact our office at: **759-3048**

## Special Victims' Counsel

The Air Force Special Victims' Counsel (SVC) represents you and you alone. If you are a victim of a sexual crime, an SVC provides you with confidential legal advice, protects your rights and privacy interests, provides legal assistance, advises you on the investigation and prosecution, attends interviews, hearings and courts martial with you. If you would like to request an SVC, contact your local SVC at **210-671-4748**, the McConnell SARC or FAP.