



USAG-Miami SHARP 24/7 Hotline Numbers:
Local: (305) 753-5923 or the DOD Hotline Number (877-995-5247)

[What defines Assault? Click Here](#)

[What defines Harrassment? Click Here](#)

What To Do If You Have Been Assaulted

- Get away from your attacker and get to a safe place.
- DO NOT wash, comb, or clean any part of your body.
- DO NOT change your clothes, if possible.
- DO NOT touch or move anything at the scene; it is a crime scene.
- Go to the nearest emergency room for medical treatment. You or the hospital staff can call the police or a victim advocate.
- Call the USAG-Miami/USSOUTHCOM SHARP 24/7 Hotline Number **(305) 753-5923** or the **DOD Hotline Number (877-995-5247)**
- Call a friend or family member you trust. (**Unrestricted Reporting Only**)

Reporting Options

Under DoD's Confidentiality Policy, sexual assault victims are offered two reporting options :

Restricted Report

Sexual assault victims who want to confidentially disclose a sexual assault without triggering an official investigation can contact a **SARC/SHARP Specialist, VA/SHARP Specialist**, or a healthcare provider. By filing a restricted report with a **SARC/SHARP Specialist, VA/SHARP Specialist**, or a healthcare provider, a victim can disclose the sexual assault without triggering an official investigation AND receive medical treatment, advocacy services, legal assistance, and counseling.

Victim conversations with a **SARC/SHARP Specialist** or **VA/ SHARP Specialist** about the sexual assault are confidential communications, not to be disclosed to others, including law enforcement or the chain of command, except in a few very rare circumstances.

Discussing a sexual assault with a chaplain is not the same as filing a restricted report, but communications with a chaplain are privileged under **Military Rule of Evidence 503** and **AR 165-1**.

Unrestricted Report

This option is for victims of sexual assault who desire medical treatment, counseling, legal assistance, **SARC/SHARP Specialist** and **VA/SHARP Specialist** assistance, and an official investigation of the crime. When selecting unrestricted reporting, you may report the incident to the **SARC/SHARP Specialist** or **VA/SHARP Specialist**, request healthcare providers to notify law enforcement, contact law enforcement yourself, or use current reporting channels, e.g., chain of command. Upon notification of a reported sexual assault, the **SARC/SHARP Specialist** will immediately assign a **VA/SHARP Specialist**. You will also be advised of your right to access to legal assistance that is separate from prosecution resources. At the victim's discretion/request, the healthcare provider shall conduct a sexual assault forensic examination (**SAFE**), which may include the collection of evidence. Details regarding the incident will be limited to only those personnel who have a legitimate need to know.

ROLE OF THE SARC/SHARP SPECIALIST

The **SARC/SHARP Specialist** is considered the center of gravity when it comes to ensuring that victims of sexual assault receive appropriate and responsive care. They serve as the single point of contact to coordinate sexual assault victim care.

ROLE OF THE VICTIM ADVOCATE/ SHARP SPECIALIST

The **VA/SHARP Specialist** provides essential support and care to the victim, providing non-clinical information on available reporting options, unit transfer options and procedures, and resources to assist the victim in making informed decisions as they progress through resolution and healing. The **VA/SHARP Specialist** maintains communications and contact with the victim as needed for continued victim support. They also explain document and evidence retention so that the victim understands what documentation and evidence are retained and for how long and that the identity of anyone electing restricted reporting will be protected throughout.

Additional Resources:

- Garrison Family Advocacy Representative 305 437-2734
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-SAFE
- National Sexual Assault Hotline 1-888-656-HOPE
- Army One Source: 1-800-464-8107 <http://www.armyonesource.com>
- International toll free: 800-464-81077 (dial all 11 numbers)
- International collect: 484-530-5889

