

Changes to restricted, unrestricted reporting for military dependents

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HEIDELBERG, Germany -- A revised directive was released from the Department of Defense allowing dependents of service members to report sexual assault under the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program.

Under the SAPR program dependents can report a sexual assault one of two ways, restricted and unrestricted. Restricted reports allow sexually assaulted victims to confidentially seek help and only report to selected individuals without starting an investigation. Unrestricted reports follows the same procedures as restricted however a full investigation will be launched.

Before the revision, under the program military dependents could not report a sexual assault through the military channels using the restricted reporting option.

The stipulation of reporting are that military dependents must be 18 years or older and eligible for healthcare in the military system.

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